

WORLD CUP-TIES: ENGLAND v RUMANIA
SCOTLAND v ISRAEL/N.IRELAND v PORTUGAL

SHOOT!

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England and Rumania meet again at Wembley next week... here Bryan Robson tackles Aurica Beldeanu during the World Cup-tie in Bucharest.

**SHOOT'S MOST
EXCITING
PLAYERS
OF THE YEAR**

**BRIAN CLOUGH'S
GOOD AND BAD BUYS**

MEET TREVOR BROOKING
+ DUNLOP FOOTBALL BOOTS
AND TRAINERS
TO BE WON!

SHOOT view!

WHY don't Chelsea sell Stamford Bridge, buy new players with the profits, and move to a humble council-owned ground charging a "peppercorn" rent?

A preposterous suggestion maybe, but the team would have a much greater chance of winning something than they do at the moment.

Chelsea are going nowhere fast. They remain heavily burdened by crippling debts, despite making a substantial recovery from the £4 million deficit which almost sank them without trace a few years ago.

What is the point of playing in sumptuous surroundings if the team cannot match the quality of the facilities?

The dilemma which plagues manager Geoff Hurst, and dogged Danny Blanchflower, Ken Shellitto and Eddie McCreadie before him, is that he cannot buy the players he wants because of financial constraints.

It is a safe bet that Chelsea would have won promotion to the First Division this season if Hurst had been given the money he wanted to turn a workmanlike Second Division team into a title-winning outfit.

Developed

In Borota, Locke, Rofe, Droy, Chivers, Fillery and Lee, Chelsea have players worthy of First Division status. Others would have developed in the big-time. If Hurst could have bought three quality players when Chelsea's season began to fall apart at the end of February, their fans might have been cheering the 'Blues' against Liverpool and Ipswich next season.

Instead, there are reports of a dispute between chairman Brian Mears and Hurst, born no doubt of the ex-England man's frustration at seeing his team slip from second place in the table to a mid-table position.

Even sadder is that the club could face the same problems next season unless money is released to strengthen the playing squad.

Chelsea's pedigree suggests they should be as much a part of the First Division as London rivals West Ham. The difference between the clubs is at boardroom level, not management.

Hammers, never a wealthy club, felt it necessary to buy big to book a passage back to the First Division. The arrival of Phil Parkes and Paul Goddard justified their board's boldness in the transfer market.

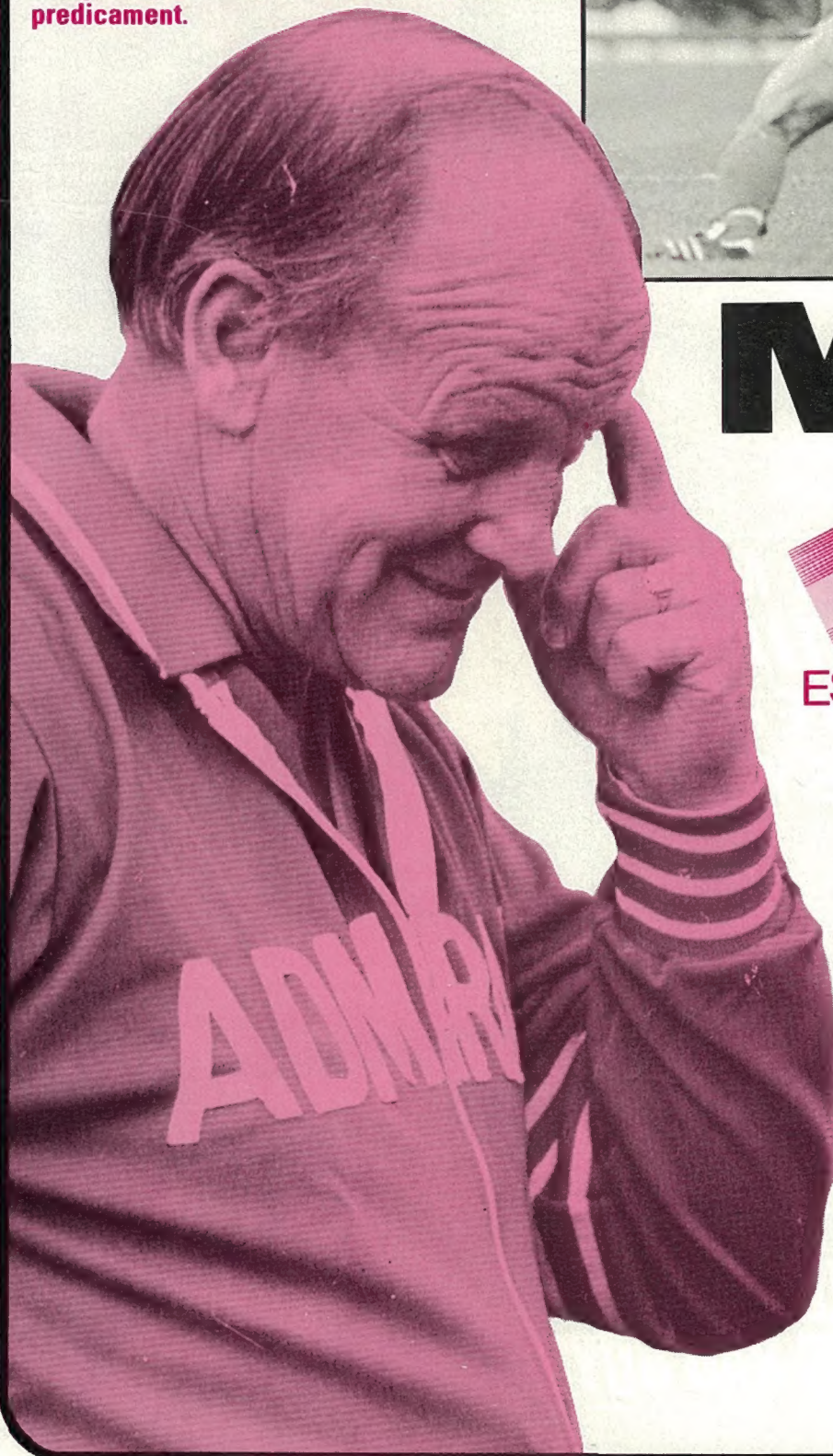
No one disputes the major contribution Chelsea chairman Brian Mears has made to the game over many years.

Yet in his quest to provide the best facilities for fans, he seems to have forgotten the needs of a troubled team.

Chelsea's fans would rather watch a good, promotion-chasing side playing on Hackney Marshes than a mediocre team unworthy of the salubrious surroundings they play in.

ENGLAND v. RUMANIA... Wembley

RON GREENWOOD will rely on the side that flopped in the European Championship to win the next World Cup. After experimenting against Spain last month, it's odds-on that the England manager will revert to his golden oldies for the World Cup-tie against Rumania at Wembley. His team selection may not be popular with many fans, but here Greenwood explains his predicament.



MY



ESPANA 82

LIKELY LINE-UP

SHILTON
MILLS
WATSON
THOMPSON
SANSOM
COPPELL
WILKINS
KEEGAN
ROBSON
FRANCIS
WOODCOCK



TREVOR FRANCIS HAS SET HIMSELF HIGH STANDARDS. HE DIDN'T REACH THEM IN HIS COMEBACK. I admired Trevor's attitude. He was desperate to play and he didn't get much joy from his marker, who stuck to him like glue. It's always easier from where you sit and watch. There was little credit given to the Spanish defence, which was very strong. It isn't easy to play against man-for-man marking. It's different in the League, where you get a bit more time to turn. It's very tight up front and midfield players often have more space when coming forward.

WHO WILL PLAY AGAINST RUMANIA? I'd like to think the team that plays next week will assert itself and be the side that faces Switzerland and Hungary in our other World Cup-ties this season.

TWENTY FIVE PLAYERS HAVE BEEN USED IN THE FOUR GAMES IN 1980/81. It's all very well saying 'bring in

Defeat in Rumania (left) came as a bitter blow to Greenwood's World Cup plans. Glenn Hoddle (right) could emerge as England's key player for the 1982 Finals in Spain.



It's no use saying "ta-ta" and stay there as someone goes by you.

IPSWICH USE THIJSEN AND MUHREN TO GO WIDE WHEN THEY HAVE POSSESSION

What you must do is to create space having won possession and that can only be done by the players off the ball. Our players must work harder at not just closing down, but creating openings. The Hungarians of the 50's used to work back when they lost possession until they won the ball again. Then, the man who lost the ball created an extra man at the back. If the winger can do this it really creates problems for the opposition, even if he isn't in a wing position. It's all about creating space and having a man spare.

THE QUESTION EVERY ENGLAND FAN IS ASKING IS: ARE ENGLAND GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN THE WORLD CUP IN 1982?

In attitude and character there is no one better than the English. The ideal is to combine our characteristics with the best of the Continentals. The philosophy of playing abroad is better suited to

PROBLEMS -Greenwood

THE SIDE THAT WAS BEATEN BY SPAIN WOULD HAVE BEEN THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE. IT HAD NEW FACES SUCH AS OSMAN AND BUTCHER, HODDLE IN MIDFIELD AND THE RETURN OF TREVOR FRANCIS IN ATTACK. IT FAILED...

The players, all the players, will have learned from the defeat. They will store knowledge away, and just because they don't see each other regularly, won't forget the lessons. Players have little parcels in their minds full of the things they've learned.

IT WAS NOT SO MUCH THE DEFEAT, BUT THE WAY ENGLAND PLAYED THAT DISAPPOINTED.

I don't want to make excuses. I prefer to look at facts, and facts aren't excuses. We need experience balanced out with youth. We had this against Spain, but not in the right areas. I know the problems of my young players. I've seen them at lower levels and some don't even excel there. To pitch them in at the deep end would destroy them rather than help them.

ENGLAND HAVE PLAYED FOUR GAMES SINCE THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP. HAVE THEY PROGRESSED IN THAT TIME?

Spain was the first time we'd played for four months and all season the team has been depleted. In the other games, while there may not have been excellent performances, a job was done. I couldn't say we've improved because we've lost so many players. Any country in the world would feel the pinch if they lost players of the quality we have.

new faces', but who do you leave out? We've experimented and it's been invaluable. I said after the Spain game that it wasn't a setback because we have a wealth of talent available that didn't play that night.

SPAIN MADE GOOD USE OF MEN PLAYING WIDE, NOTABLY JUANITO. RUMANIA ALSO LOOKED EFFECTIVE IN THIS RESPECT WHEN WINNING IN BUCHAREST.

It's not just a question of having a man wide; a team must stop the other player making a two-against-one situation. The tendency in English football is to make width with midfielders or defenders. There isn't a wealth of players like Juanito in the League and if they aren't there I can't use them. I wish I had such players available. One or two clubs are coming round to this way of thinking, though.

PETER BARNES, A WINGER, CAME ON JUST SEVEN MINUTES FROM THE END AGAINST SPAIN, WHICH GAVE HIM PRECIOUS LITTLE TIME TO DO ANYTHING.

Peter has the ability to switch a game. It was a bit late, but I've seen it happen where a player's come on, as Peter did, and won the match. I don't have that luck!

WOULD IT SPREAD TO CLUB LEVEL IF ENGLAND USED WINGERS?

Again, I can't pick what doesn't exist. Anyway, in Steve Coppell I have a player who can play wide and has the ability to be where he's always needed.

STEVE'S STARTED ONLY TWO OF ENGLAND'S LAST EIGHT GAMES, THOUGH.

Nine times out of ten, when it

comes to the crunch, Stevie will be there.

ENGLAND MUST HOPE THAT SOME YOUNGER PLAYERS COME THROUGH.

I've seen a couple recently who do a good job. The lad Gary Mills at Forest has a lot of Coppell's qualities, while young Peter Barham of Norwich looks good, and at youth level West Ham's Bobby Barnes shows promise. There is no such thing as an out-and-out anything. A player must be involved on and off the ball. He must attack and defend.

international football than club soccer. Nine times out of ten discipline and character will get you through just as skill will. How much nicer if you have all three.

COULD A YOUNG PLAYER EMERGE AND STAMP HIS AUTHORITY ON THE ENGLAND TEAM?

Why not? I had two like that at West Ham in 1966 (Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters) who broke into the side just before the World Cup. It could happen again. I'd put Glenn Hoddle in that category. He's almost there.

MATCH FACTS

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|-----------|------|------------------|-----|-------------|
| May, | 1939 | England won..... | 2-0 | Bucharest |
| November, | 1968 | Draw..... | 0-0 | Bucharest |
| January, | 1969 | Draw..... | 1-1 | Wembley |
| June, | 1970 | England won..... | 1-0 | Guadalajara |
| October, | 1980 | Rumania won..... | 2-1 | Bucharest |

PAST RESULTS

ENGLAND'S international association with Rumania stretches back over 42 years yet only five matches have been played between the teams in that time and these have produced a meagre eight goals, five of them to England.

Last October Rumania gained an untimely first success, 2-1 at home in a World Cup qualifier after England had got off to a good start in their group a month earlier by beating Norway 4-0 at Wembley.

In Bucharest Tony Woodcock equalised Rumania's early goal only for a dubious penalty to topple England in the second-half.

England need to avenge that result in order to set themselves up for the difficult tasks in Switzerland and Hungary in further World Cup preliminary matches at the end of the present season.

Two places in the 1982 World Cup

Finals in Spain lie between those three teams plus Norway and Rumania. Since the Rumania defeat, England have gained two more points towards their campaign, beating Switzerland, somewhat shakily, 2-1 at Wembley in November.

Rumania have always provided England with tough opposition, sometimes (remembering some of their rugged defenders of the late 1960's and early 1970's) in more ways than one, but the forthcoming World Cup-tie will be England's most important engagement with them since 1970 when England's Mexican World Cup campaign got off to such a good start.

However, England have good reason to be wary of Eastern European opposition in qualifying competitions, for Poland and Czechoslovakia have been responsible for eliminating them from major tournaments in the recent past.

SCOTLAND v. ISRAEL... Hampden Park

THREE countries are locked in a cut-throat struggle in the World Cup Group Six qualifying group as they head into April confrontations which will still leave the section undecided.

The three, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Portugal, are separated by only two points as they fight to see which two of the three goes to Spain next summer. And the Scots' home form is the problem which has stopped international manager Jock Stein already planning for these Finals. Twice the Scots have won away from home — in Sweden and in Israel; (the only time the countries have met); twice they have slumped to



GEMMILL POSER FOR STEIN

Is his international career coming to an end?

draws at home, against their closest rivals Portugal and Northern Ireland.

After the latest failure against the Irish, Stein admitted: "This was a match we should have won — but we felt the same after the Portugal game. Basically, we are in the position we would have liked to be in after these games — six points from four games. The trouble is that we have done things the wrong way round. We've taken wins away from home and then only been able to draw at Hampden."

"So, while, as I say, it's the position which would have pleased us normally, it's now one which could have been improved upon."

Disappointed

The one man who emerged from Hampden happy was Irish boss Billy Bingham. For, as well as the disappointed Stein, the Portuguese team manager Juca, was worried over the result.

He said simply: "It was not the result I came here to see. I expected the Scotland team to win. I wanted them to win because that would have taken the Irish team out of things a little before we have to play them. That game is in Belfast, and to have had them lose to the Scots would have been so much better for us. The Irish defended well against Scotland and they showed me enough to make me concerned about the match in Belfast..."

The beaming Bingham has four points from four matches and now faces three games at home. His squad was wrecked before the Scotland match by call-offs with skipper Martin O'Neill being his number one worry beforehand.

Yet even without O'Neill, the Irish showed a midfield aggression and awareness which worried the



Scots. Afterwards Bingham admitted: "It was a problem for us before the game, but in a sense it was better being underdogs. I don't think that the Scots much like being put in the position of favourites."

Stein knows that his team must escape from the nervousness which now seems to afflict them at Hampden. He has cured their poor away record and suddenly found that the team are beginning to freeze at home.

A huge crowd — 78,444 — watched the Irish game and again saw the stars in the Scottish side fade under the pressure of having to win at home. This kind of slip up cannot be repeated in the next two home matches — against Israel and then Sweden in September. These are vital and Stein realises it.

He looked back on the Irish



Skipper Archie Gemmill (right) may be near the end of his international career. Action from Scotland's 1-0 win in Israel, with Alex McLeish going close (left).

match philosophically. "It was just another disappointment," he smiled sadly. "It was bad that we should have let down the fans when such a good crowd turned out."

"Our midfield didn't click—(Stein used John Wark, Kenny Burns and Archie Gemmill) — mainly because they didn't get the ball up to the front men quick enough. I was happier with John Wark this time. He can do better yet for us, but he did score a good goal and might have had another. That was encouraging."

"We are just halfway through this qualifying section and we are at the top. We can push ourselves still further ahead if we beat Israel here at Hampden. That is 24 hours before Ireland play Portugal in Belfast so we'll set them some kind of target. The performance wasn't as good as we hoped but the Irish lads played well. They defended well and then we lost a bad goal."

"Apart from that goal we had been very disciplined. You have to be patient in this tournament. If Steve Archibald's shot, which hit the post, had gone in after 12 minutes the team might have settled quicker and better."

"As it was we had to come from behind. But we did it, and while we

might be doing things the wrong way round, we do have six points and we can't forget that."

There can be no slips, though, when Israel arrive. They will prepare thoroughly despite the fact that they have no chance of qualifying. Before arriving at Hampden they will spend a week training at Bisham Abbey.

Their team boss, Englishman Jack Mansell, declares: "We have to do things properly even though we might be out of it. A week together like this gives us an edge over the Scots, who will have their players involved in vital matches around that time."

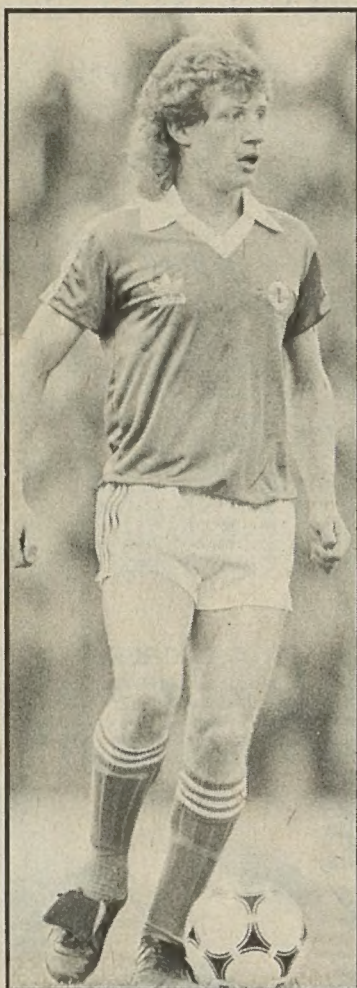
Injured

Against the Irish, of course, Stein was without the Liverpool trio of Alan Hansen, Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness as well as last season's midfield discovery Gordon Strachan. All were injured.

He will want them back for Israel, and the question mark which hovers most over the Scotland squad concerns skipper Archie Gemmill. The veteran looks as if he is too near the end of the road to continue in the Scotland side. Stein must make up his mind on this soon...

N.IRELAND v. PORTUGAL... Windsor Park

'A WIN~OR WE CAN FORGET SPAIN'



says JIMMY NICHOLL

MANCHESTER United full-back Jimmy Nicholl is adamant that Northern Ireland must win their game against Portugal at Windsor Park to stand a realistic chance of qualifying for next year's World Cup Finals.

"This one and our away tie in Sweden are now our two most important games remaining. We have got to take two points from this one and at least another one in Sweden or we can forget any ideas about going to Spain," he says.

Nicholl, who was a member of the Northern Irish side beaten 1-0 in Lisbon last November, realises that the Portuguese will come to Belfast with defence as their first priority.

"I saw their goalless draw in Scotland, but although they were under pressure most of the time, they looked very dangerous on the break. They are sure to play it the same this time.

"In Lisbon we should have been a couple of goals up by half-time, but after the interval they played some fabulous stuff.

"Simoes, the right-back, was knocking some great balls forward, and their left-winger Chalana gave me some real headaches.

"We have got to stop them playing their way. Our priority will be to create as many chances as possible, and I think a lot of long-range shooting could be the order of the day."

The Ulstermen have not appeared in a World Cup Finals since 1958, but Nicholl is confident that barren spell can be ended this time.

"Our result in Scotland in March has really boosted morale," he reveals.

"If we had lost at Hampden we would have been out of the running, but the manner in which we achieved our 1-1 draw has encouraged us all.

"Whereas England and Scotland are always changing their line-up, we keep the same side for seven or eight games.

"Consequently, England and Scotland play like a team of individuals. We have established a cohesive team pattern and that can mean as much as having any of the big name stars."

Portuguese 'keeper Bento was unanimously voted man of the match during his country's goalless draw at Hampden last November.

Nicholl hopes he will be kept as busy in Belfast next week.

"I don't mind if he stops virtually everything as long as we can pinch one goal.

"We have got to win this one. . ."



Pressure from the N. Ireland attack against Scotland in March. The Ulstermen hope for a repeat performance against Portugal.

PAST RESULTS Ireland's scored first

1957 Lisbon — 1-1
1957 Belfast — 3-0
1973 Coventry — 1-1
1973 Lisbon — 1-1
1980 Lisbon — 0-1

PORTUGAL STAR HOPES TO PLAY FOR COVENTRY

JOSE Alberto Costa, the 27-year-old Portugal midfielder and team-mate of Mickey Walsh at FC Porto, hopes Coventry City manager Gordon Milne will be at Windsor Park next week to see the game.

Costa (right) would very much like to play in England and apart from Liverpool confesses to having a soft spot for Coventry.

"I'm told they have tremendous facilities and good administration," he says. "The potential of the current side seems almost frightening considering the very low average age."

Costa's contract has another year to run, but he points out that he has a release clause in it enabling him to leave for a foreign club. FC Porto, he believes, would listen to an offer of around £80,000, peanuts by English standards for a midfielder with over a dozen caps, a League Championship and a Cup winners' medal.

Walsh rates Costa highly. "He's a good player and would be a

bargain for an English club," says the Republic of Ireland striker. "If I were a manager in England I'd look to Portugal for players. It's incredible to me, seeing £1m transfers. You could buy the entire Benfica team for that!

"Costa has made a lot of goals for me and I have no doubts he could make the grade in England. Another advantage — he speaks English, and has the right attitude."

So Costa will obviously be hoping to make a big impression in Belfast. He is aware that Portugal are more of a side of yesterday than today. It's been 15 years since they graced the World Cup Finals, although five points from three games has raised their hopes of reaching Spain.

"The standard of our football hasn't developed too much in recent years," he admits. "Even so, people abroad underestimate us. The appointment of Juca as national coach on a full-time basis was a step in the right direction.

"This is probably our best side

since 1966 and I'm optimistic we'll qualify.

"Don't rule out an away win next Wednesday. We were criticised for being defensive at Hampden Park, but the truth is Scotland put us under so much pressure.

"The Irish have some good players. It is good for us that Brotherston won't be fit. I remember Armstrong being very strong and lively.

"We don't really like playing against British teams, because the style is so different to ours. Ireland will play with great fighting spirit, always on the move. This may be an advantage for us, because we are good at the counter-attack.

"Our waiting game has proved successful against British opposition."

Costa was glad that Scotland and N. Ireland took a point off each other at Hampden last month.

"The group is very tight, but we are prepared to do everything to restore Portugal's prestige."



GROUP 1

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Austria | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 6 |
| W. Germany | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Bulgaria | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Albania | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 2 |
| Finland | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

RESULTS SO FAR

Finland 0, Bulgaria 2
 Albania 2, Finland 0
 Finland 0, Austria 2
 Bulgaria 2, Albania 1
 Austria 5, Albania 0
 Bulgaria 1, W. Germany 3
 Albania 0, Austria 1
 Albania 0, W. Germany 2

TO PLAY

29/4...W. Germany/Austria
 13/5...Bulgaria/Finland
 24/5...Finland/W. Germany
 28/5...Austria/Bulgaria
 17/6...Austria/Finland
 2/9...Finland/Albania
 23/9...W. Germany/Finland
 14/10...Austria/W. Germany
 14/10...Albania/Bulgaria
 11/11...Bulgaria/Austria
 18/11...West Germany/Albania
 22/11...W. Germany/Bulgaria

GOALSCORERS

Weigl (Austria) — 3; Kaltz and Schuster (W. Germany), Schachner (Austria) — 2; Markov, Kostadinov, Slavov, Jeliazkov and Iontschov (Bulgaria), Braho, Baci and Pernasca (Albania), Jara, Pezzey and Krankl (Austria), Rummenigge (W. Germany) — 1.

GROUP 2

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Belgium | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| Eire | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 7 |
| France | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 4 |
| Holland | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Cyprus | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 24 | 0 |

RESULTS SO FAR

Cyprus 2, Eire 3
 Eire 2, Holland 1
 Cyprus 0, France 7
 Eire 1, Belgium 1
 France 2, Eire 0
 Belgium 1, Holland 0
 Eire 6, Cyprus 0
 Cyprus 0, Belgium 2
 Belgium 3, Cyprus 2
 Holland 3, Cyprus 0
 Holland 1, France 0
 Belgium 1, Eire 0

TO PLAY

29/4...France/Belgium
 29/4...Cyprus/Holland
 9/9...Holland/Eire
 9/9...Belgium/France
 14/10...Holland/Belgium
 14/10...Eire/France
 18/11...France/Holland
 5/12...France/Cyprus

GOALSCORERS

Platini (France), Daly (Eire), Ceulemans and Van den Bergh (Belgium) — 3; Lawrenson and Grealish (Eire), Larios and Zimako (France), Pantzaras (Cyprus) — 2; McGee, Stapleton, Robinson and Hughton (Eire), Tahamata, Muhren, Hovenkamp, Naninga and Schapendonk (Holland), Plessner and Cluytens (Belgium), Six and Lacombe (France), Vramikis and Kaiafas (Cyprus) — 1. Lyasandrou (Cyprus) — 1 own-goal.

GROUP 3

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Wales | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 8 |
| USSR | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 4 |
| Czechoslovakia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Iceland | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 2 |
| Turkey | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 0 |

RESULTS SO FAR

Iceland 0, Wales 4
 Iceland 1, USSR 2
 Turkey 1, Iceland 3
 USSR 5, Iceland 0
 Wales 4, Turkey 0
 Wales 1, Czechoslovakia 0
 Czechoslovakia 2, Turkey 0
 Turkey 0, Wales 1

TO PLAY

15/4...Turkey/Czechoslovakia
 27/5...Czechoslovakia/Iceland
 30/5...Wales/USSR
 2/9...Iceland/Turkey
 9/9...Czechoslovakia/Wales
 23/9...USSR/Turkey
 23/9...Iceland/Czechoslovakia
 10/10...Turkey/USSR
 14/10...Wales/Iceland
 28/10...USSR/Czechoslovakia
 18/11...USSR/Wales
 30/11...Czechoslovakia/USSR

GOALSCORERS

Walsh (Wales) — 3; Giles, Flynn and James (Wales), Andrev and Oganessian (USSR), Nehoda (Czechoslovakia) — 2; Harris (Wales), Blochin, Gavrilov and Besonov (USSR), Fathi (Turkey), Sveinsson, Gudlavsson, Gudmundsson and Thordarsson (Iceland) — 1.

GROUP 4

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| England | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| Rumania | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Norway | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Switzerland | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Hungary | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |

RESULTS SO FAR

England 4, Norway 0
 Norway 1, Rumania 1
 Rumania 2, England 1
 Switzerland 1, Norway 2
 England 2, Switzerland 1

TO PLAY

29/4...England/Rumania
 29/4...Switzerland/Hungary
 13/5...Hungary/Rumania
 20/5...Norway/Hungary
 30/5...Switzerland/England
 3/6...Rumania/Norway
 6/6...Hungary/England
 17/6...Norway/Switzerland
 9/9...Norway/England
 23/9...Rumania/Hungary
 10/10...Rumania/Switzerland
 14/10...Hungary/Switzerland
 31/10...Hungary/Norway
 11/11...Switzerland/Rumania
 18/11...England/Hungary

GOALSCORERS

McDermott, Woodcock and Mariner (England), Hareide (Norway) — 2; Chatanu, Raducanu and Iordanescu (Rumania), Barberis and Pfister (Switzerland), Mathisen (Norway) — 1; Tanner (Switzerland) 1 own goal.

STATE OF THE GROUPS IN EUROPE

GROUP 5

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Italy | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Greece | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| Yugoslavia | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| Denmark | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Luxembourg | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 0 |

RESULTS SO FAR

Luxembourg 0, Yugoslavia 5
 Yugoslavia 2, Denmark 1
 Luxembourg 0, Italy 2
 Denmark 0, Greece 1
 Italy 2, Denmark 0
 Italy 2, Yugoslavia 0
 Denmark 4, Luxembourg 0
 Greece 0, Italy 2
 Greece 2, Luxembourg 0
 Luxembourg 0, Greece 2

TO PLAY

1/5...Luxembourg/Denmark
 2/5...Yugoslavia/Greece
 3/6...Denmark/Italy
 9/9...Denmark/Yugoslavia
 14/10...Greece/Denmark
 17/10...Yugoslavia/Italy
 14/11...Italy/Greece
 21/11...Yugoslavia/Luxembourg
 29/11...Greece/Yugoslavia
 12/12...Italy/Luxembourg

GOALSCORERS

Arnesen (Denmark) and Kouis (Greece) — 3; Graziani (Italy), Zi Vujovic (Yugoslavia) — 2; Susic, Buljan, Petrovic, Pantelic and Zo Vujovic (Yugoslavia), Collovati, Bettega, Conti, Antognoni, Cabrini and Scirea (Italy), Elkjaer and Simonsen (Denmark), Kostikos and Mavros (Greece) — 1.

GROUP 6

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Scotland | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Portugal | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| N. Ireland | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Israel | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Sweden | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 |

RESULTS SO FAR

Israel 0, N. Ireland 0
 Sweden 1, Israel 1
 Sweden 0, Scotland 1
 N. Ireland 3, Sweden 0
 Scotland 0, Portugal 0
 Israel 0, Sweden 0
 Portugal 1, N. Ireland 0
 Portugal 3, Israel 0
 Israel 0, Scotland 1
 Scotland 1, N. Ireland 1

TO PLAY

29/4...N. Ireland/Portugal
 29/4...Scotland/Israel
 3/6...Sweden/N. Ireland
 17 or 24/6...Sweden/Portugal
 9/9...Scotland/Sweden
 14/10...Portugal/Sweden
 14/10...N. Ireland/Scotland
 28/10...Israel/Portugal
 18/11...N. Ireland/Israel
 18/11...Portugal/Scotland

GOALSCORERS

Humberto and Jordao (Portugal) — 2; Wark, Strachan and Dalgligh (Scotland), Damti (Israel), Ramberg (Sweden), Hamilton, Brotherston, Nicholl (J) and McIlroy (N. Ireland) — 1.

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RESULTS SO FAR

Malta 0, Poland 2
 Malta 1, E. Germany 2

TO PLAY

2/5...Poland/E. Germany
 10/10...E. Germany/Poland
 11/11...E. Germany/Malta
 15/11...Poland/Malta

GOALSCORERS

Smolarek and Lipka (Poland), Fabri (Malta), Schnuphase and Haefner (E. Germany) — 1.



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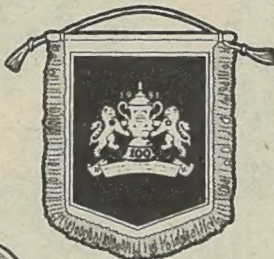


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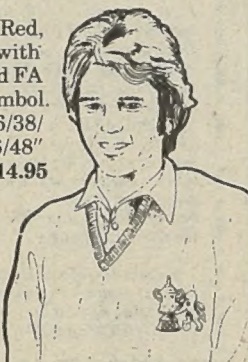
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HAVE St Johnstone signed Britain's tallest goalkeeper? When manager Alex Rennie bought Robert McGregor from Vale of Leven juniors, the 20-year-old stood 6ft 6in in his bare feet — two inches taller than Peter McCloy of Rangers.

Cert winner

THE goalscoring Malone brothers, Paul, of Ballymena United, and Martin (Glenavon) will be in opposition in Saturday's (April 25) Centenary Irish Cup Final, at Windsor Park.

Ballymena ace Paul, a two-time losing finalist with Linfield in the 1970's, has been bang in form in this season's competition, hitting a superb hat-trick in an away Second Round demolition of Cliftonville, and scoring both United goals in their 2-0 Semi-Final replay win over Glentoran. Those two goals left five-goal Paul top-scorer in the current tournament and boosted his overall seasonal tally to 24.

In contrast, brother Martin, who missed Glenavon's Semi-Final conquest of holders Linfield through injury, has so far found the target only once in the competition, though his dozen competitive goals made him Glens' top marksman by the end of March. Incidentally, both Malone brothers tasted failure in Irish Cup finals with Linfield, Paul in the two already mentioned, and Martin in the shock 1-2 defeat by minnows Carrick Rangers in 1976.

But the 1981 decider is the Final the Malone family can't lose!

BRADFORD DECEASED

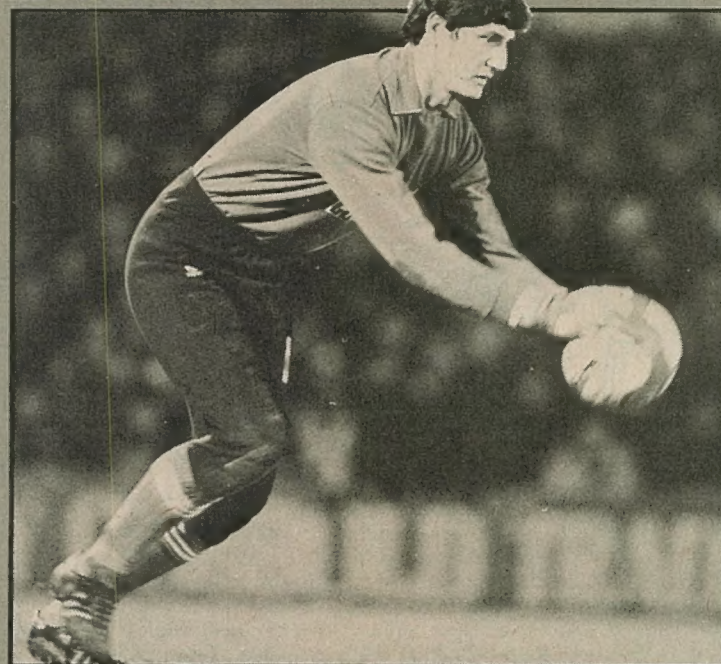
PARK AVENUE football ground, Bradford, has officially ceased to exist. The main stand, which doubled with Yorkshire County Cricket Clubs' pitch adjacent, has been demolished and the pitch ploughed up.

Prior to 1907 the ground was used for rugby, but in 1908-09 Bradford Park Avenue joined the Football League along with newcomers Tottenham Hotspur. The ground was even used for an England international match against Ireland in February 1909, which England won 4-0 in front of a 25,000 crowd.

Bradford Park Avenue spent most of their League career in the lower reaches, despite a spell in the First Division spanning the First World War, and were finally voted out of the League at the end of the 1969/70 season to be replaced by Cambridge United.

The final match at the ground was on April 21st, 1973 when Bradford Park Avenue, played Great Harwood in the Northern Premier League. The ground, now owned by the Corporation, was left unattended and unused until finally it fell into disrepair and had to be demolished at the end of 1980.

AWARD WINNER PLATT NEARLY QUIT



MIDDLESBROUGH and Northern Ireland international goalkeeper Jim Platt is the North-East Player of the Year.

The success of Platt is a remarkable tribute to a player who thought of packing in the game three years ago.

Platt says, "The wheel of fortune has changed full circle for me. I feel this has been the most consistent season of my career, and I am thrilled with the award."

Middlesbrough made a sound investment when they bought Platt, as a 19-year-old, for £7,000 from Ballymena with a £3,000 bonus thrown in after a certain number of games.

Platt is now approaching 400 first-team games for his club and has Pat Jennings looking over his shoulder on the international scene. Platt helped N. Ireland to win the British Championship last year and has continued to prove his ability when Jennings was not fit or available.

NEWS DESK

Compiled by
BILL DAY



TO see Trevor Morgan dashing around for Bourmemouth these days who would have thought his career was in doubt less than two years ago?

The 24-year-old centre-forward fell out of a window while window cleaning in 1979 and broke his right heel and left wrist. The doctor had some doubt about Trevor ever playing again. He even had to get married in a wheelchair.

But now things are looking up for Morgan, who has had experience with three non-League clubs — Tonbridge, Dartford and Leytonstone and Ilford.

KEVIN'S A MIDFIELD- BATSMAN!



KEVIN TAYLOR is a better footballer than he is a cricketer, but the arrival of spring has tempted the exciting young Sheffield Wednesday player to oil the cricket bat he wields for Royston in the Yorkshire Council League in the summer months.

Meanwhile, Kevin is playing a major part in Wednesday's push for promotion to the First Division. Perhaps he can emulate the feats of Derby County's Alan Ramage, who performs for Yorkshire in the County Championship when the season ends.



Briefly...

● FIFA referee Pat Partridge (Cockfield) retires this year. When he took charge of the FA Cup Semi-Final between Manchester City and Ipswich at Villa Park, it was his seventh Semi. Must be worth an entry in soccer records.

● Master Ian Brown of Luncarty, near Perth, is a member of the S.F.A. International Travel Club — at the age of two. That makes him the youngest officially registered Scotland fan in the country. Mind you, it is not really surprising... his father, mother and four brothers and sisters are also Scotland-draft, and follow the team everywhere.

● David Webb collected his first manager's award after being named Division Four Bell's Manager of the

Month by The Football League.

● David Setterfield, chairman of Folkestone Football Club for the past 13 years, has resigned.

● Ipswich players have been enjoying the sweet taste of juicy oranges during their successful Spring run. Fruit giants Jaffa have supplied the club with oranges which the players enjoy after training during the week and on match days.

● Dundalk manager Jim McLaughlin has been given a new contract which guarantees his future at Oriel Park until 1983.

● Former Eire international Noel Campbell, has been given the responsibility of managing Shamrock Rovers in the absence of Johnny Giles. Giles will spend the summer as coach to Vancouver Whitecaps.

● A Wales Supporters Club has been formed. They provide a programme and souvenir service and also

organise ticket and travel arrangements whenever possible. Membership is growing steadily and they hope shortly to organise branches in Cardiff, Swansea and London in order to expand the service.

Membership is £1 for adults, including enamel badge and membership card; 50p for under-16 members, including button badge and membership card.

Application forms and full details including latest newsletter can be obtained from the Secretary Mrs M. Lynch, 28 Mawddwy Avenue, Rhosddu, Wrexham.

● Terry Bullivant, one of the fringe first teamers who haven't been able to breakthrough into the Aston Villa side this season, is ready to move on.

He says: "I would love to stay with Villa and be involved with the first team but I cannot say how much longer I'll be content with reserve team football."



Spot the odd one

● There is an enemy in the camp. Peter Nicholas stood out like a sore thumb when he arrived at training with Arsenal wearing the colours of North London rivals Tottenham Hotspur. Fortunately, Nicholas' prank amused team mates David O'Leary, Richie Powling and Graham Rix.

ANTI-HOOLIGAN PLAN

WALSALL have once again revealed plans for a super £2½m stadium at Fellows Park.

Whether the latest plan is put away to gather dust like previous plans remains to be seen. There is, however, local objections to the plan.

The local area planning committee have already recommended to the main planning committee that planning permission should be refused.

Walsall, however, hope that by the time the plan reaches the West Midlands County Council planning committee, a change of heart will have taken place.

The idea is to have a 17,000 all-seated stadium to combat hooliganism.

FULHAM 'LOCK-UP' LEN

NEWPORT manager Len Ashurst had seen his side lose 2-1 at Fulham ... and then couldn't find a way out of the ground!

He climbed a fence only to be confronted by a padlocked gate. A couple of reporters came to his rescue and Len was able to continue his journey back to South Wales.

Len said: "We lost two points and then they locked me in. It just wasn't my day."



SMITH QUILTS

POPULAR mid-field player Walter Smith, of Dundee United, is retiring at the end of the season.

He joined the Tannadice club from Ashfield in 1966, and apart from a short period at Dumbarton, spent his entire career with United.

Walter has accepted an offer by the Tannadice boss to stay on McLean's right-hand man and coach.

Walter is also assistant to Andy Roxburgh with the Scotland Under-18 professional youth team.

CORMACK BACK

FORMER Liverpool favourite Peter Cormack is still a regular visitor to Anfield. Peter, now manager of Scottish Premier League side Partick Thistle, often motors down to Merseyside for chats with Liverpool boss Bob Paisley and the Anfield back-room staff.

He also joins his old team-mates in training sessions. Says Peter: "I'm also out to pick up a few bright ideas I can introduce at Firhill."

Waddock awaits Eire call

HAVING led their World Cup group from the start, Eire must now sit back and watch the other countries in Group Two fight it out between themselves.

Eire's next World Cup game is not until September, while next Wednesday France play Belgium and Holland travel to Cyprus. On the same evening, Czechoslovakia travel to Dublin for a friendly.

This will be the 11th meeting between the countries and the Czechs have certainly got the upper hand in previous encounters. They have won seven of the ten meetings.

Wednesday's game, which will be played at Lensdowne Road, is a return for Eire's trip to Prague in September, 1979. Then an under-strength Eire side with six new caps were beaten 4-1 by the home side.

A clash with the Second Round of the League Cup meant that several players were required by their clubs. Of the 14 players used that night in the Strahov Stadium only Tony Grealish would now be a certain starter from a full Eire squad.

However, with England involved in a World Cup game next week there should be no trouble about the release of Irish players this time.

But Liam Brady may not be made available by Juventus and the fact that Gerry Daly will miss his country's next World Cup game could mean that manager Eoin Hand will have to experiment in midfield.

Into contention for places could come Queens Park Rangers' Gary Waddock, who played in the recent friendly against Wales, or Jerry Murphy of Crystal Palace.

One player who always seems to be injured when required for international duty is Arsenal's David O'Leary. Dave has missed out on Eire's last five games. Incidentally, Kevin Moran, his normal replacement, celebrates his birthday on the day of the game.

The Czechs can always be relied upon to produce attractive football, but it's unlikely that a full strength Eire side will surrender their excellent record at Lansdowne Road.

Motor Show rival

THE Wembley Conference Centre is to stage FOOTBALL 81, the world's first International Football Show, on 16th-20th December this year.

The festival is expected to attract large crowds of fans, officials, players and sports goods manufacturers.

Backed by the F.A., the Football League, FIFA, UEFA, the Sports Council and the Central Council for Physical Recreation, Football 81 could well become a major annual event, like the Motor Show.



CUP WINNER

THE first F.A. Cup Final was held in 1872 between Wanderers and Royal Engineers — Wanderers won 1-0 and 1981 sees the 100th Cup Final — the War years account for the nine missing.

David Barber, who works for the Football Association, has written a year-by-year catalogue of every Final since 1872.

Each year's entry has a list of every game played in all the rounds leading up to the Final, a commentary on the Final and a list of players and referees.

Thanks Lawrie

CHRIS HODGE, a versatile youngster with Southampton, will always be grateful to manager Lawrie McMenemy for giving him a second chance to make the grade. The 18-year-old Hodge, who joined The Dell staff as a schoolboy in January, 1978, was kept out of football for a year when he had to have a back operation (spinal fusion). The England schoolboy triallist thought everything was up for him, but the Saints responded by signing him as a professional last September.

A new career for players

TEN years ago Peter Silvester was in a Norwich City side seeking promotion from Division Two for the first time in the club's history.

With 12 goals by Christmas, he was the club's leading scorer, and many First Division clubs were expressing an interest. Then, suddenly, injury struck.

After three major knee operations he spent the next two years desperately trying to regain fitness.

He did come back to play for various clubs including Southend, Reading, Blackburn and Cambridge and spent four seasons in the States, winning the Player of the Year Trophy in 1974.

"While at Cambridge I felt that my playing days at full time professional level were nearly over and so I decided to go part time with Maidstone United of the Alliance Premier Division and go full time as a Sales Associate with L.I.S. (Life & Pension Services) Limited," says Peter.

Just 11 months later he was forced to retire from the game. Fortunately, his new career had blossomed and he had progressed to the recruiting and advertising department of the firm and the basis of a new career was firmly set.

There is no doubt that the recession

has affected football clubs, especially those in the lower Divisions, and that times are hard.

It must be a worrying time for players who may fear a possible threat of redundancy.

The insurance industry is one of the few occupations ideally suited to those leaving football, for whatever reason — their ages are very compatible and in most cases they have the personality and ability to deal with the public.

It is clear that all sportsmen must make some plans for their future and as manager and coaches position are limited, they must look elsewhere.

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LEAGUE CUP GETS SPONSOR

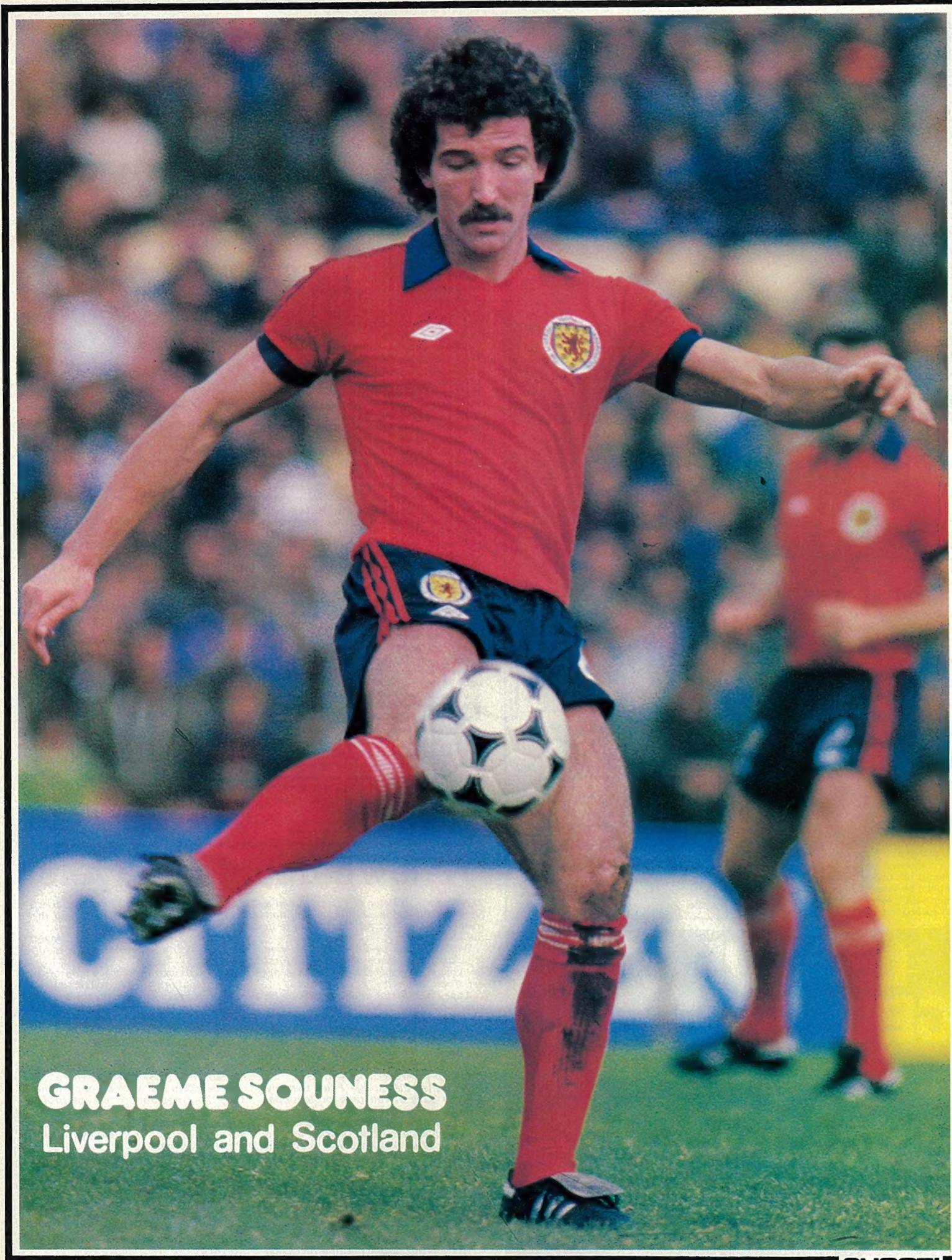
STAND BY for a new-look League Cup next season. The competition will almost certainly have a sponsor, becoming the first major English tournament to have a commercial backer.

Football League secretary Graham Kelly says: "We are certain that this will be of real value. Of course we must ensure our clubs get the best possible deal. I see no problems, though."

Soccer has been the last top sport to attract sponsors. While minority sports such as snooker and darts have enjoyed massive boosts through sponsorship, football has been slow to come to terms with it, mainly because of television's reluctance to give soccer the same considerations it gives other sports in terms of showing the sponsor's name.

Would-be sponsors can expect to pay at least £300,000 for the privilege of having their name associated with the League Cup.

Ironically the companies with money available for sponsorship are the tobacco manufacturers, because of the ban on television advertising. Don't be too surprised if a cigarette firm eventually wins the League contract.

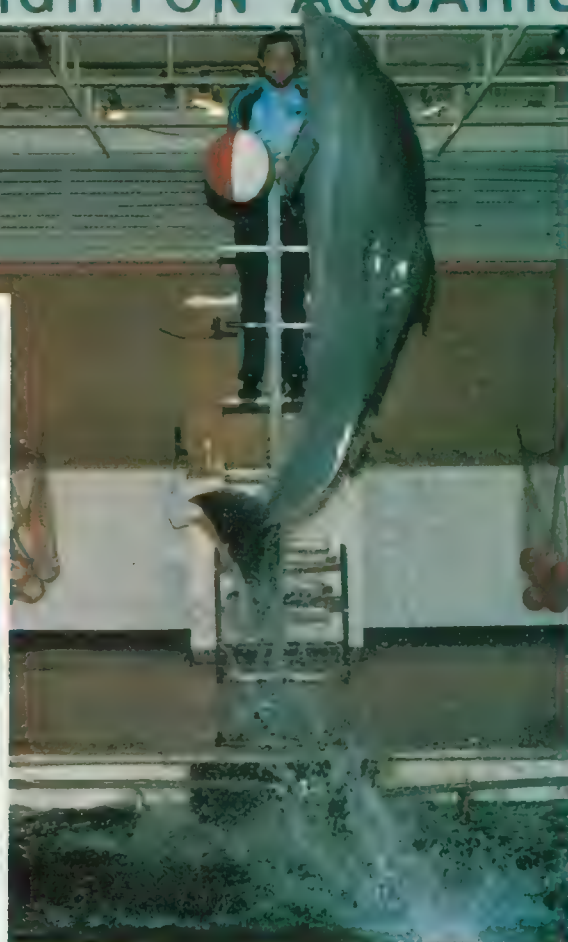


GRAEME SOUNESS
Liverpool and Scotland

SHOOT!

A Seagull meets the dolphins

BRIGHTON AQUARIUM

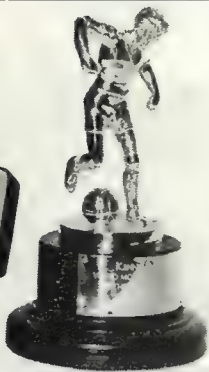


BRIGHTON skipper Brian Horton has found some new fans — proving the Seagulls star is a big hit with the dolphins! Brian took a look behind the scenes at the Brighton Dolphinarium recently and everyone had a splashing time. "It was a great experience," he said. "They're very intelligent creatures. They soon get bored if they haven't got a new trick to learn, and they kept me on my toes." Brighton's nickname used to be The Dolphins, and Brian and his new friends certainly proved to be a winning team. The performing stars of the South Coast seaside town are really packing them in. And so are the dolphins!



SHOOT!

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SHOOT'S MOST EXCITING PLAYERS OF THE YEAR!



KENNY DALGLISH whose Cup Final replay goal helped Liverpool capture the Football League Cup for the first time in the club's history, has achieved another personal milestone. He has been voted SHOOT's Most Exciting Player of the Year in England for the third consecutive year.

In Scotland, **CHARLIE NICHOLAS**, the young lad who has taken over Dalglish's mantle as the Parkhead idol, has proved the deserved winner of our award. Nicholas, playing in his first full season for Celtic, has helped his team to the Premier Division title with some phenomenal goals this season.



HOW YOU VOTED

IN ENGLAND

1. Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)
2. Gary Shaw (Aston Villa)
3. John Wark (Ipswich)
4. Frans Thijssen (Ipswich)
5. Sammy Lee (Liverpool)
6. Steve Archibald (Spurs)

IN SCOTLAND

1. Charlie Nicholas (Celtic)
2. Tommy Burns (Celtic)
3. Paul Sturrock (Dundee United)
4. Frank McGarvey (Celtic)
5. Davie Provan (Celtic)
6. Colin McAdam (Rangers)

Congratulations to Kenny and Charlie.

Colour photographs of the presentations will appear shortly.

It was a simple enough penalty goal, but everyone at Ibrox felt like hailing it as a World Cup winner!

I'm talking about Ian Redford's spot-kick success against Dundee United at Ibrox recently that gave us a vital 2-1 triumph and a great deal of satisfaction after the Tannadice men's 4-1 victory over us only a couple of weeks beforehand.

That defeat really dented the pride of everyone at the club. To be honest, I didn't see the game. I was out of the first team that evening and played for the reserves at Kilmarnock.

However, I could hardly believe my ears when someone told me the first team had lost by such a huge margin against United at Ibrox.

That's why it was so important that we showed our fans that we could recover from such a blow. And I was absolutely delighted that it was Ian Redford who got that winner.

He has recently moved up into the front line as main striker after a spell in midfield and he played extremely well against United, who have a marvellous double act in the middle of their defence in the shape of Paul Hegarty and David Narey.

Special

He didn't give them a moment's peace with his energetic running and it was a very special winner for him... only a couple of days later he celebrated his 21st birthday! Happy birthday, Ian.

Actually, it's wonderful to see Ian doing so well after his £210,000 transfer from Dundee last season. He might not have settled in right away — and no one can blame him for that — but I've never seen a player train harder than this lad.

Manager John Greig actually has to restrain him sometimes in training. He goes flat out all the time, treating every session like it was a Cup Final.

He has the attitude of a winner and I'm confident he will go all the way to the top. I can't praise him highly enough. He deserves any breaks that may come his way in the future.

As for myself, I've been more satisfied with my form since I returned to the top team. I scored two goals in our Cup Semi-Final dress rehearsal against Morton at Ibrox and although they were hardly marvellous solo efforts, it was good to see them both nestling in the back of the net.

'REDFORD the pride of Rangers'



That was an unreal game that evening. Sadly, only 4,800 fans turned up on a perfect Wednesday night and it was like a ghost game.

It was like a training session rather than a Premier Division match, but we had to keep our concentration and make certain we picked up both points.

We eventually won 4-0 and it was just a pity that there weren't more fans in the ground to witness the triumph.

Falling gates are a problem with every club, and it's up to the team on the park to provide the entertainment that will bring out the supporters. We know what is expected of us, and will do our best to produce the goods.

I have also recently asked the manager to be relieved of the captaincy of the club. As I have said in previous columns, I don't think I have been playing consistently this season and possibly the change will

help my game. I'm willing to try anything!

I don't know if it will be permanent. I suppose that is up to the boss. But I will say that Ally Dawson has done well since being named skipper and I wish him all the luck in the world.

Graeme Brouckett, a better than average player who used to be on Rangers' books before going to Clydebank, where he played so well and consistently before injury hampered his career, was talking to me the other day and asked me what I thought of Scotland's chances of being in Spain for the World Cup Finals next year.

I said: 'What do you think of my chances of being there with them?' Graeme, a gentleman to the last, said nothing!

Determined

Although I haven't set the heather on fire recently — and I'm the first to admit that — I'm still determined to force my way into Jock Stein's international plans, and the only way to do that is to perform to the peak of my performance on a consistent basis. I'll be doing my damndest. Just watch me go!

On Tuesday (April 28) Scotland take on Israel in their fifth World Cup-tie in the eight match qualifying series and I'll be at Hampden shouting on the lads.

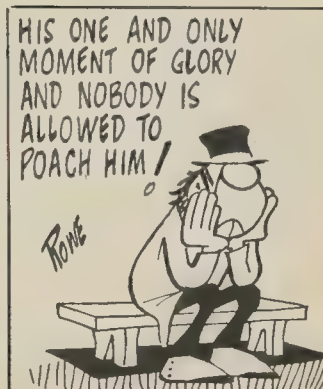
Will we win? Of course, we will! Scotland may have drawn with Portugal and Northern Ireland in the previous games in Glasgow but, remember, we have won our games in Sweden and Israel to give us six points out of a possible eight. That's not bad going.

Scotland can get a victory on Tuesday then I believe manager Jock Stein is travelling to Belfast to watch Northern Ireland take on Portugal the following day. It could be a very interesting and profitable 24 hours for Scottish soccer.

See you all in a fortnight...

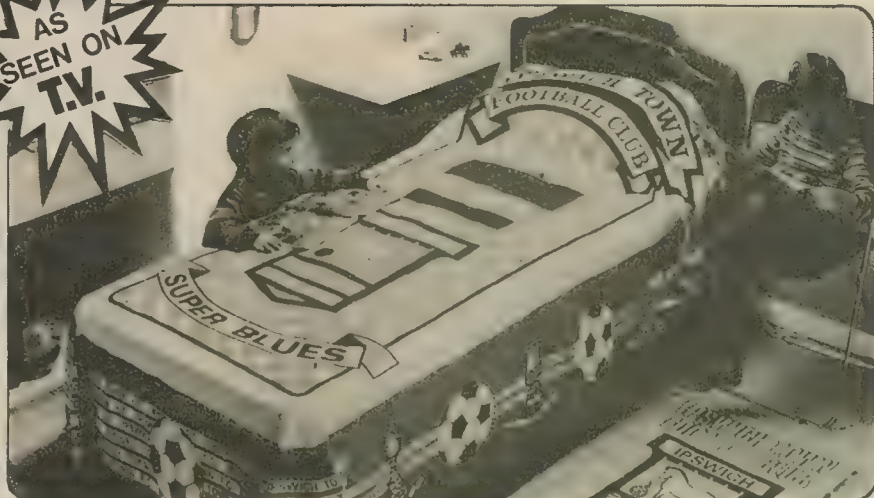
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MY days as Liverpool's first choice 'keeper are numbered — according to two statements printed in the Press recently.

The first was from the club's new quarter-of-a-million pounds signing Bruce Grobbelaar, bought from Vancouver Whitecaps from whom he's kept goal since leaving Crewe. "I don't intend being number two to anybody, whoever they are," he said.

The second was a news item stating that I was leaving Liverpool to join Spurs.

As for Bruce's words, they came as no surprise from someone who obviously possesses the qualities demanded of a Liverpool signing: the willingness to adapt to our unique style; the determination to give everything in training and on the field; the urge to continue to add to the club's roll of honours; and the right character.

Legendary

Of course Bruce wants my job. I felt the same way when I joined 'way back in 1967, but it took me years before I finally replaced the legendary Tommy Lawrence and became a first team regular.

But I have never regarded the position as a right. There was always someone ready and willing to step in if I lost my touch.

First, there was Frankie Layne, who came from Tranmere Rovers and had a handful of first team games before moving on to Notts County. He was followed by Peter McDonnell from Bury, now playing for Oldham in the Second Division; and my next understudy, Steve Ogrozcovic, came from Chesterfield, and he'll be leaving Anfield for pastures new at the end of this season.

So now it's up to me to fight off the challenge from Bruce, whose largish fee is a sign he's highly rated by the boss, Bob Paisley, and his shrewd team of assistants.

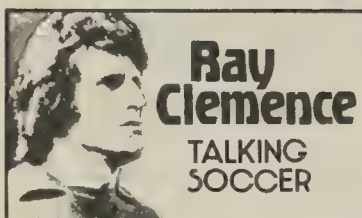
But I'm the man in possession, which is nine points of the law, and there's no way I'll make it easy for Bruce.

He'll find playing behind Liverpool's defence very different from the two clubs he's played for, and the Rhodesian international side.

With other teams, the 'keeper's job primarily consists of shot-stopping on and around the goal-line and gathering crosses from the wings.



'LIVERPOOL RESERVES? NOT FOR ME!'



At Liverpool, you have to learn to operate as a sweeper, too, coming off your line even beyond the edge of the penalty-area to clear the ball or deal with a forward who's managed to break through our defence.

It took me a long time to make the transition from Scunthorpe in this respect, and in several others, too.

There's also a world of difference between playing against less sophisticated sides, such as those in the lower Divisions and in America, and

the big guns of our First Division and Europe. The pace is faster, tactics more complicated, and players possess greater skill.

Games have a high-powered atmosphere, played in big stadiums in front of crowds of up to 100,000 for Cup Finals. A real test of temperament.

But I made the adjustment, so there's no reason to suppose it's beyond my latest rival.

I know I can't remain Liverpool's first choice for ever, but I feel there are many more years in me yet, and there'll come a time when I'll willingly hand over to Bruce or some other understudy.

I've thoroughly enjoyed my life at Liverpool, which has brought me fame and glory and a fine standard of living for myself and my family.

But it's a game where anything can happen, and you learn to expect the unexpected. You're continually living on a knife-edge.

That's why I can neither confirm nor deny the report that I could be sold to North London club Spurs. I can't imagine Liverpool would sell me and immediately draft in someone as comparatively inexperienced as Bruce, but there could be some substance in the report, so I'm keeping an open mind on the subject.

All I'm prepared to say right now is that if I lost my first team place at Liverpool, to Bruce or anyone else, I would not want to soldier on at Anfield. I don't see myself as first choice for the reserves!

As long as I stay injury free, I'm sure I'll be lining up this Saturday in the League against Spurs, the team

rumoured to want my services.

I always enjoy playing at White Hart Lane, where we've had some tremendous games.

Against such forwards as Steve Archibald, who's made the switch from Scottish football to ours with marked success, and Garth Crooks, backed up by the likes of Glenn Hoddle, I'll have my work cut out to keep a clean sheet.

But we know their back-four is vulnerable and we'll be going all out for goals, too.

I'll be staying down in London to join the England squad for the Rumania game on Wednesday. I fully expect the boss, Ron Greenwood, to continue alternating Peter Shilton and me, and it's his turn for duty.

As the Rumanians have emerged as our biggest rivals for World Cup qualification, having already beaten us 2-1 in Bucharest, it's vital we win at Wembley.

Experiment

For this game I'm sure Ron Greenwood will plump for experience and refuse to experiment.

The Rumanians, heartened by their earlier win and England's recent defeat by Spain, may be encouraged to attack, which could allow us the space visitors usually deny us in their half.

It's up to the England players to put on a good showing to silence those media critics of Ron Greenwood, and demonstrate that he's the right man for the England job.

We believe it would be a tragedy for the country if he were replaced. To repay him for all he's done for us players — and the game itself — we're determined to get to Spain to fight for the World Cup.

Even if it means running through a brick wall, we'll do it — for Ron!

Ray Clemence



Ray was helpless to keep out the penalty kick that gave the Rumanians a 2-1 win in Bucharest.

'I hope Rumania come to Wembley to attack'

BRECHIN CITY have as much chance of ever winning Scotland's Premier Division title as Larry Grayson has of becoming Heavyweight Champion of the world!

Yet, despite their lack of prominence in soccer standings, there is still an adventurous, ambitious spirit sweeping through cobwebbed old Glebe Park.

They have fared admirably in the Second Division considering their failures and shortcomings over the years. Only three seasons ago they finished bottom of the Division ... Scotland's 38th club.

Guiding

But now manager Doug Houston (right), the former Dundee, Dundee United, Rangers and St. Johnstone player, is guiding the side along the right path and he says: "I'm enjoying myself at Glebe Park.

"Brechin are a friendly club and it's just marvellous to see the fans getting behind the team.

"Recently, during a midweek game against Queen of the South, over 1,000 supporters turned out. Considering Queens come from Dumfries I would not really think an awful lot of their fans would have made that long

Brechin aim to be like Dundee United



haul during the week.

"I know that might not mean much compared to other teams, but it means a lot to us. Like football fans everywhere, these supporters want to see their team winning and that's our main aim ... to give them a consistent, winning team and we can pick up the rewards as we go along."

This season Brechin have built a new stand, and Houston has spent £20,000 on buying goalkeeper Derek Neilson and Gerry Leslie from his old club Dundee United.

There is a distinct flavour of Tannadice at Glebe Park these days, because Henry Hall, a former team-mate of Houston at St. Johnstone and United, is the club coach and other players from Tannadice are Ray Lorimer, Duncan MacLeod and Dick Campbell.

Houston, one of football's enthusiasts, says: "Dundee United

were once a struggling, unfashionable team, but just look at them now!

"They are one of the finest teams in the land with some of the best players, and manager Jim McLean is second to none in this business.

"I'm not saying Brechin can emulate them, but we'll have a good try. The main thing is not to lose sight of your objective. We play to win ... it's that simple."

It was Jock Wallace who took Houston to Rangers for a few seasons, and some of the present Leicester City manager's ideas have also got through to the Brechin boss.

He wants his players to run until they drop and show the character that is demanded of them. Giants may never tremble at the sound of Brechin City, but they must be congratulated with their get-up-and-go fighting spirit.

FORMER Hibs, Celtic and Scotland stalwart Pat Stanton is known throughout Scottish soccer as a serious-minded individual.

Football is no joke to him and that is why he had the courage to leave Aberdeen last season after they had won the Premier Division Championship. He was assistant boss to Alex Ferguson at Pittodrie, but he wanted to become a manager in his own right and he started the season in charge of Cowdenbeath.

After only a handful of months he was offered the team manager's job at Dunfermline and he accepted the fresh challenge. Now Pat knows just how precarious a manager's post can be.

Any pressures that were on Stanton as a marvellously-consistent player not that long ago must have paled into insignificance with his recent experiences as manager of Dunfermline.

STANTON'S COURAGEOUS DECISION

On the day they lost 3-1 to Motherwell at East End Park, his team slumped to second bottom of the First Division with relegation staring them straight in the face. To make matters even worse, Stanton watched as central defenders Willie Leishman and Kevin Hegarty were ordered off against Motherwell and, at the same time, he knew his other experienced back-four man John Salton was badly injured.

Stanton must have wondered if management is worth all the heartache, because even before the kick-off in that game his goalkeeper Hugh Whyte was injured in the dressing-room!

Stanton wanted to learn the trade at grassroots level and he is certainly doing that at East End Park.

"Their heritage persuaded me to join them," says honest Pat. "Cowdenbeath had been so good to me

and given me my initial chance. I appreciated that, but when Dunfermline came in I had to go.

"They are a big team currently going through a bad spell. I want to rectify things. I want to play my part in getting things going again at East End Park.

"The potential is there. The fans will come back if we can produce the sort of football to which they are accustomed."

Stanton was never famous as a shirker on the football field. He was a gutsy competitor, going in where the brave went in search of glory.

That same attitude has followed him into the dug-out. He is still a fierce competitor and he wants to succeed with Dunfermline.

So-serious Stanton could be looking on the lighter side again if his club gets an even break and a fair bounce of the ball. We wish him luck!



Pat Stanton (inset) has had little to cheer at Dunfermline, but this Sandy McNaughton goal against Kilmarnock helped relieve the tension.

GEORGE Kerr calls the Grimsby growth "a football miracle". He has every reason to be so firm in his opinion. The club which was almost down and out little more than three years ago now stand proudly on the verge of First Division football with just a few weeks of the current season remaining.

The fact that Kerr earlier admitted: "I don't believe we shall quite pull it off," in no way detracted from Grimsby's remarkable achievement.

And remarkable it has been, not just for the rapid rise from Division Four to the Second Division in consecutive seasons but for the close flirtation with the biggest prize of all... a place in the First.

Grimsby's astonishing climb has taken them to the thick of the Second Division promotion battle. Yet, as George Kerr (below) proudly pointed out: "We did it

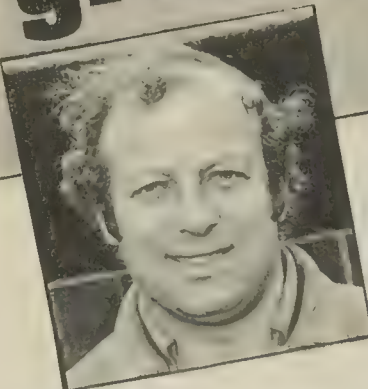
story this season. After a dozen games in Second Division football, Grimsby looked certain to go straight back down to the Third.

Goals were becoming as rare as jobs in the town and the side was under pressure. Kerr admits: "We didn't buy new players because we couldn't. It was always going to be a case of waiting for the young players to learn and get it right. But I admit some of them had started strutting around with the wrong attitude.

"They were no longer doing the good things which made them good players in the Fourth Division. Maybe all the success had gone to their heads, but I know that bad spell and the attitude we had at the time was very costly.

"By the time we had sorted

Grimsby miracle gives people hope



with the same side we had in the Fourth Division, apart from Trevor Whymark. That's a real tribute to the players, who have worked hard to learn quickly about the higher standards.

"The major achievement at Grimsby has been that we have given the people of the town a football club to talk about proudly. Instead of expecting us to be in danger of dropping back into the Third Division, we are realistic promotion candidates.

"We have won a lot already. You don't have to win trophies to do well and be proud of your achievements. We have proved that already in the past 30 months. The way the people have backed us has been one of the pleasing things about it all. They are true football people up here and they know they now have a club which is thriving.

"Even if we just miss a promotion place this season, there's no reason why we shouldn't do well next season. The fact is, the football club has given hope to the people of Grimsby."

But it wasn't always a success

ourselves out, we had lost at least five points. Add those points to our eventual total at the end of this season and you will realise, as I did a while back, that that poor spell caused by our own attitude could cost us a fine chance of gaining promotion.

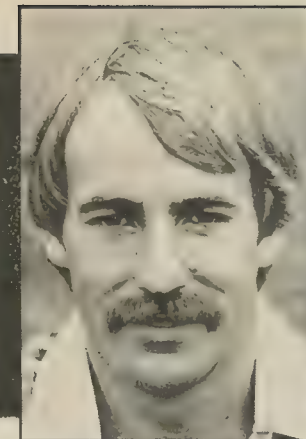
"But on the other hand, I believe we probably had to go through that experience to become the club we are today. Young players learned by hard experience all about the right attitude and that can only be good for the eventual future of the club."

'Mammoth'

Kerr admits progress on the field has far out-stripped development off the pitch. "We've had workmen around the place all season, trying to tackle the mammoth task of modernising this ground," he says. "Hardly anything was done to the ground for 30 years but now we're frantically trying to catch up quickly.

"The dressing rooms were a disgrace until recently. Now we're trying to make them suitable for any of the top players in the First Division.

"I don't doubt that if Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal came here every other week, we wouldn't be prepared for them. But it's been the same story for the big boys of each new Division we've been promoted to. We've had to get by, as we will if we reach the First Division. And now I reckon we can make it."



McHale has no regrets

A RETURN to his native Yorkshire as well as joining a promotion-chasing club were the two factors which influenced Ray McHale to sign for Barnsley for £60,000 from Brighton in preference to Newport.

"I wanted to join a Second Division club as it's the only Division I haven't played in," he explained. "They might not be there yet, but I'm sure they will be by the end of the season.

"Barnsley have so many good players and the fact that the majority are northern lads, who seem to have that extra bit of fire, explains why they've done so well this season.

"Another thing which attracted me was that the situation is tailor made for me, as with players like Mike Lester, Ian Banks and Ronnie Glavin I can play my normal type of game."

McHale is also impressed by his new manager, Norman Hunter. "He's got everything I imagined, and besides maintaining the tremendous spirit which Allan Clarke created, he's got the right sort of attitude in that he always wants to win.

"I'm sure we'll do well if we do get promoted," McHale continued. "After all, look at sides like Sheffield Wednesday and Grimsby this season. There's no reason why we shouldn't do the same, as we've got some quality players — especially Mike McCarthy, who's the strongest player I've ever seen."

Despite spending most of this season playing for Brighton reserves, McHale has found little difficulty in readjusting himself to first team football.

"Even though Norman Hunter warned me it would be hard, I've really enjoyed it from the moment I went on to the field for my first match against Charlton.

"Although I only had a handful of first team games for Brighton I still find it harder to play in the Third Division than the First.

"The Third is far more physical and in the First players tend to hold off a little more."

But McHale still feels he was right to leave Swindon for what proved to be an unsuccessful move to Brighton in the close season.

'Foolish'

"I've thought about it a lot," he admitted. "I still believe that at my age I would have been foolish to have turned down an opportunity to play in the First Division. The only regret I have about it is that I could have played a lot more games if I'd been allowed to play in my usual position.

"At Swindon I played against eight First Division clubs, whereas when I played for Brighton I hardly saw the ball. But I've always scored goals and that's what I'm looking to do for Barnsley," McHale said.

However, should McHale achieve his aim he is anxious that Brighton should not be one of Barnsley's opponents in the Second Division next season.

"It would be tragic if they went down, because they've got a great set of lads there."

Mike Lester (left) plays the ideal game to suit Ray McHale's style at Barnsley.



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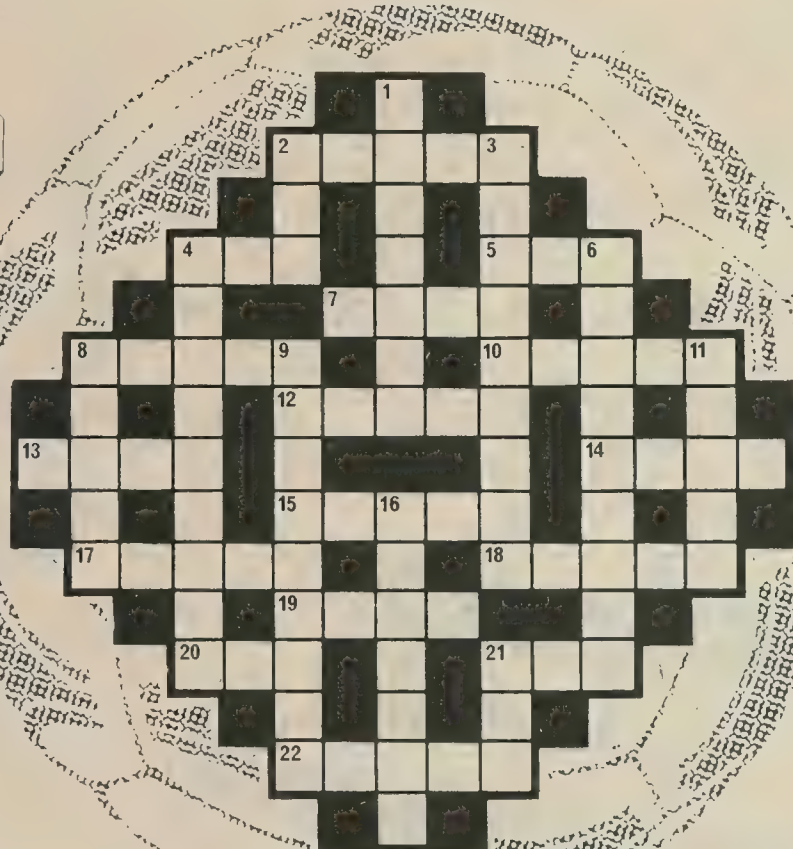
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THE ANZACS WILL FIGHT AGAIN

THE uneasy peace between neighbours Australia and New Zealand may easily erupt into passionate confrontation when the two meet in the first match in the World Cup Group 1 of the Asia-Oceania subgroup (writes Andrew Dettre from Sydney).

The match, in Auckland, will be on April 25, known here as Anzac Day, commemorating the heroic but disastrous Gallipoli landing in 1916 by troops from Australia and New Zealand. And if you add the recent ugly incident and controversy surrounding the under-arm bowling in the February cricket Test, all signs indicate a far from neighbourly battle.

Both countries regard this first match as a vital clue to the final outcome of this group's fate. True, there are three others involved: Indonesia, Taiwan and Fiji, but they shouldn't be allowed to butt in this argument.

Disorganised

The Indonesians, clever and crafty little technicians, are not among the best in Asia; even a tired, disorganised and battle-weary Australia forced a 1-1 draw in Jakarta last December.

Taiwan and Fiji are notches below the Anzac standard and it's difficult to see either of them being more than a nuisance. Most of the Taiwanese are university students or young policemen, while Fiji's national team is still at a village level, with most of the players ethnic Indians.

So chances are it's going to be Australia or New Zealand. And there won't be much in it. There never is.

Last year, on a dreadfully churned up, greasy pitch in Auckland, New Zealand won a friendly 1-0 and this result still

rankles with the Aussie coach, the flamboyant and colourful Rudi Gutendorf. Since then he has refused to give the Kiwis a return game, preferring to wait for the occasion that matters.

The match will be heavily loaded with ironies. Both teams will have a hearty proportion of British migrants. On top of that, New Zealand will have six or seven players who now appear for leading Aussie clubs in the national Philips League.

Only recently Gutendorf labelled them "a fifth column," chiding the Aussie clubs for harbouring "spies" in our midst and helping them to attain fitness they couldn't hope for back home.

Then, in the same breath, Gutendorf slammed his own clubs for being unfit. The logic of this was lost somewhere in mist over the Tasman.

Gutendorf, in his 30 months in Australia, has tried out more than 50

players in his quaintly named Socceroo teams without having found his best team.

Even in this 11th hour he is tinkering with some changes. Two of his rare regulars, Ken Boden and John Yzen-doom, were ruled out in early March because neither has yet changed his British citizenship to Australian, bringing back memories of similar farces from previous World Cup campaigns.

The group's matches will stretch well into September before the winner will have to meet the triumphant teams of the other three subgroups to fight for the two berths in Spain. Despite everything, Australia must start favourites to win Group One, especially if they can clear the Anzac Day hurdle without defeat.

Australia's World Cup campaign, which started hesitantly in 1978 and has continued rather erratically ever since, will cost a cool £500,000.

If the bid fails, the Federation goes broke, Gutendorf finds himself yet another country and Continent but life, sadly enough, goes on even in Spain.



THE liberation of Barcelona striker Quini after his 25-day kidnap ordeal received what you might call blanket coverage in the Barcelona sports papers on the next morning. "Mundo Deportivo" gave it 12 whole pages. "Dien" gave it 18 pages. And "Sport" somehow managed to fill 32 pages with the story!

REAL MADRID have pocketed over a million pounds in gate receipts in the last month!

The European Cup clashes with Spartak Moscow and Inter Milan produced £580,000, while the League games against Barcelona, Atletico Madrid and Zaragoza netted a further £450,000.

IN ARGENTINA, Independiente defender Hugo Villaverde found an original excuse to put before the Disciplinary Committee after he'd been sent-off for a foul on Argentinos Juniors' Magallanes.

His punishment was reduced to a two-match suspension after he explained that his tackle had been an error of timing due to poor eyesight, as he'd lost a contact lens a few minutes earlier during a goalmouth scramble.



Lost every game 1-0

I'VE heard of defensive football... but this is ridiculous. Looking through a Spanish sports paper I noticed in the regional Leagues three teams who have done what I would have considered impossible: they've lost every single game this season 1-0. Can they make it a 100 per cent record and lose every game by one goal? I'll keep you informed.

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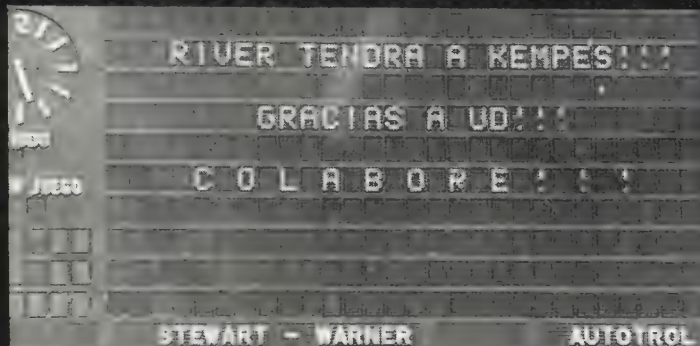
ROBBIE RENSENBRINK, the Dutch international star of the 1974 and 1978 World Cup Finals, now in America, is set to play in Saudi Arabia from October. He was a guest player in a game for Division II Al Khaleej, who have a Dutch coach Hans Venneker, and the friendly he played in attracted a 20,000 crowd.

RIVER PASS ROUND THE PLATE

ARGENTINE Champions, River Plate, have mounted a huge publicity campaign in a bid to persuade their supporters to help the club find the £1,600,000 they've agreed to pay for Mario Kempes.

Fans are being invited to buy long-term season tickets guaranteeing them seats in the Centenario Stadium for the next ten years at a cost of anything from £1,200 to £2,000.

The cheapest season ticket for the 1981 season costs £70.



• The electric scoreboard has a message for River fans. "River have Kempes. Thanks to you. Please help..."

News flashes

• Real Madrid manager Vujadin Boskov has renewed his contract with the club for a further year. His basic salary is £36,000 a year — low by Spanish standards — but Real's system of bonuses should allow him to pocket at least double this figure in a moderate season.

• Turkey's national team manager Ozkan Sumer resigned after Wales' 1-0 World Cup victory in Ankara recently. His number two, Fevzi Demircan, takes over as team boss.

• The Albanian F.A. have dismissed national team coach Zyber Konic, apparently because he

failed to motivate the team. The new boss is 60-year-old Loro Borici, manager of Partisani Tirana.

• Rinus Michels, Holland's 1974 World Cup coach who had been tipped to return to Holland, signed a new contract with FC Cologne after their UEFA Cup win over Standard-Leige. The new contract expires in June, 1982.

• The Rumania F.A. have appointed a new chairman, former player Andrei Radulescu, who played for Rapid Bucharest before retiring in 1954. Once in the 50's, Radulescu scored all eight goals in an 8-2 win for his first club Politehnica Timisoara.

• FC Coburg in West Germany had to play all

their games in the second half of the season away from home. The river Ufer overflowed its banks and covered the club's ground with two feet of water.

• Fortuna Dusseldorf have had a thin time at the gates this season, and elimination from the German Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup came as a blow. Chairman Hans-Georg Noack estimates they will lose £4 million on the season and will have to release nine players to cut the overheads for 1981-82. If they sold international striker Klaus Allofs that would balance the books, but, says business manager Werner Fassbender: "If we transferred Allofs our fans would desert us. That is no answer."

Kevin Keegan's stamina and Trevor Brooking's artistry have been a feature of the England midfield.

ENGLAND OUT



LEFT . . . It's a fair bet Steve Coppell will be recalled to face Rumania.
MAIN PHOTO . . . Tony Woodcock scoring England's only goal in Bucharest.

FOR REVENGE!

HAVING lost 2-1 in Bucharest, England need to beat Rumania in the World Cup-tie at Wembley next Wednesday. Chances are Ron Greenwood will rely on the 'old guard' for such a difficult task and here we spotlight some of the experienced internationals the England boss will be relying on.



ABOVE . . . Arsenal left-back Kenny Sansom has made the number three shirt his own.



ABOVE . . . Ray Wilkins has been plagued by injury this season, but his type of game is suited to international football.
LEFT . . . Dave Watson has come under fire recently and the Southampton stopper is anxious to show he's no lame duck.



SHOOT!

STEVE Archibald's move from part-time Clyde to Premier Division Aberdeen in January, 1978 left him just one step from the soccer stardom he had always sought.

His breakthrough was completed thanks to the gambler's instinct of the Aberdeen boss Billy McNeill.

Steve explains: "I was signed as a midfield player, but Billy noticed I always drifted into attack during training.

"He decided to take a risk and play me up front with Joe Harper, and the move worked like a dream. I know it was only three years ago, but I couldn't imagine myself in any other position now.

"Joe was terrific. He helped me such a lot by talking and advising me for the whole 90 minutes. And because he was the one with the big reputation, defenders were always looking for him and leaving me a bit of time and space."

At the end of the 1977-78 season Aberdeen finished runners-up in the League, and the Cup-tied Archibald could only watch as his new team-mates lost 2-1 to

Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final.

Nevertheless, confidence was understandably high at Pittodrie. They had finished the season with an unbeaten run of 18 League games, and everybody at the club believed they were ready to challenge the Old Firm dominance in Scotland.

Then came a bitter blow to Steve — and Aberdeen. Manager Billy McNeill resigned to succeed Jock Stein at his former club Celtic.

"It was a terrible shock to us all. We were convinced we were going places under Billy, who had brought a lot of professionalism to the club. We were all very depressed about his decision to return to Parkhead," he says.

But the mood of despondency did not last long, and the appointment of fiery Alex Ferguson certainly helped to liven up Pittodrie.

"Alex has a bit of a temper, and so have I at times," Steve explains. "We had our fair share of arguments, but fortunately they were never too serious and we managed to settle them amicably."

Steve finished his first full season at Aberdeen with a haul of 20 goals and helped the club to the League Cup Final, where they were once again beaten 2-1 by Rangers.

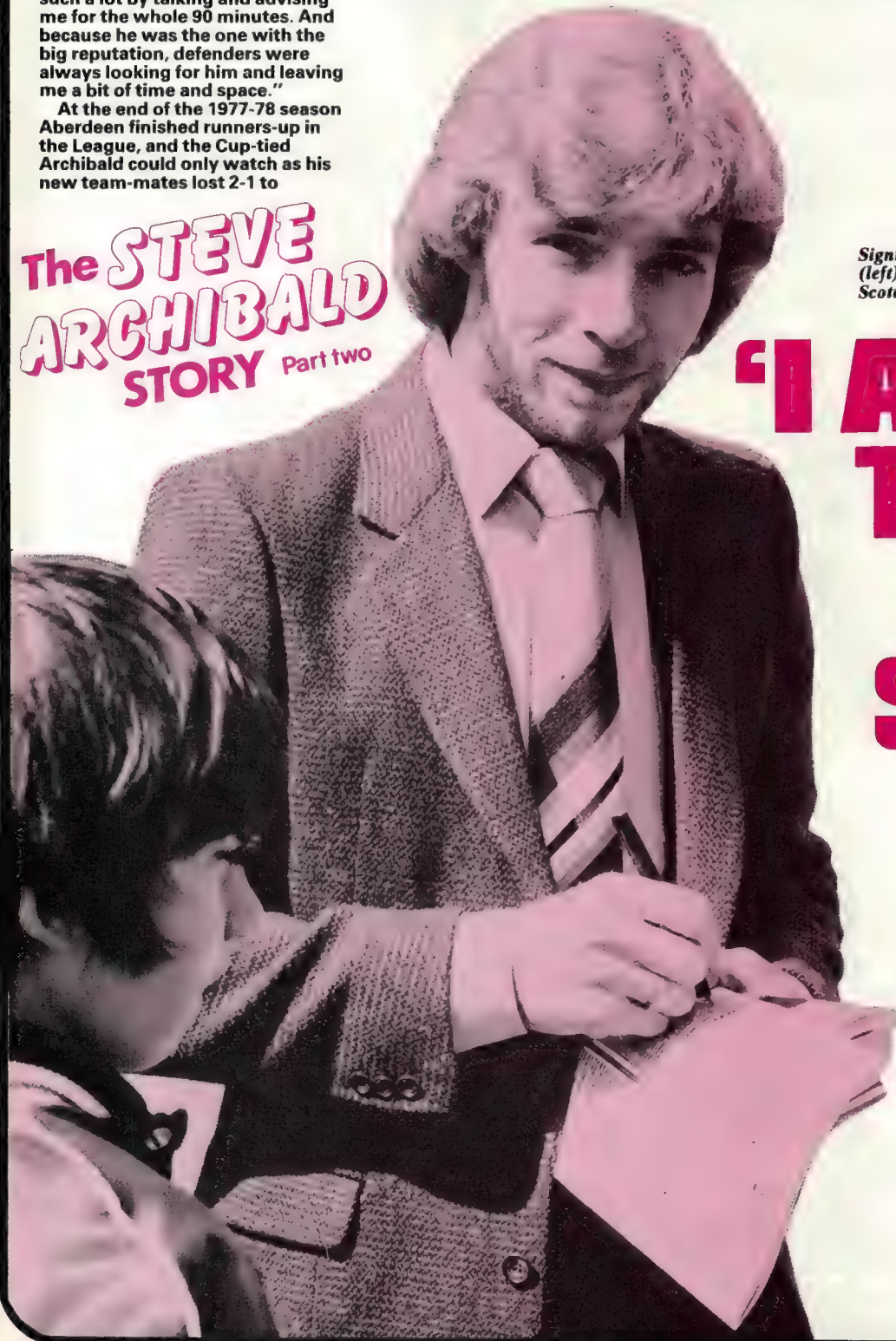
"It was a bad day for us. We never gave a true account of our ability, and the fact that we all knew we could upset the Old Firm made that result an even bigger



Signing for the autograph hunters (left) and helping Aberdeen to the Scottish League title (above).

The STEVE ARCHIBALD STORY Part two

'I ALMOST TURNED DOWN SPURS'



disappointment."

But there were to be no such let-downs the following season, Steve Archibald's last as a Scottish League player.

They reached the League Cup Final once again, but were beaten 3-0 by Dundee United in a replay.

"That was a disaster. Everything went wrong and they simply overran us. But that result made us all the more determined to take the League title."

And that determination paid full dividends as Aberdeen completed the season a point clear of Celtic to take the Scottish Premier Division Championship.

"That's my only major medal from senior football so far, so it quite naturally means a hell of a lot to me.

"I've said before that the good players in Scotland are as good as anyone down in England — and I mean it.

"I'm talking about players such as Alex McLeish, Gordon Strachan, Bobby Clark and Willie Miller. That



Being Cup-tied, Steve (right) was unable to help as his Aberdeen teammates were beaten 2-1 by Rangers in the 1978 Cup Final.

side we had at Aberdeen was one of the best to have come out of Scotland.

"We were really convinced we were ready to show the English a thing or two — that's why this season's European Cup defeat by Liverpool was such a big disappointment to all the lads.

"Willie Miller told me they were so embarrassed they didn't even want to come out for the second half of the game at Anfield."

Steve finished Aberdeen's Championship season with 21 goals, and, not unnaturally, fell under the gaze of Scottish international manager Jock Stein.

"My call-up to the squad for the game against Portugal at Hampden in March, 1980, didn't really come as a surprise.

'Candidate'

"We were top of the League and I was scoring a lot of goals, so my name had been mentioned as an international candidate quite a few times.

"But my debut couldn't have gone better. It was the final game of the European Championship qualifying group, and although we had no chance of making the Finals, it was an important match because morale was so low.

"I was on the bench, but came on at half-time for Kenny Dalglish when we were already 2-0 ahead.

"I remember Archie Gemmill winning the ball in midfield and playing it to Andy Gray out wide on the right.

"Andy knocked in a beautiful cross to the near post, and I just managed to nip in before their keeper, Bento, to force it home.

"We went on to win 4-1."

His next game for Scotland, however, didn't go quite so well. Playing alongside Kenny Dalglish, Steve was unable to make an

impression on the game as Northern Ireland won 1-0 at Windsor Park, Belfast, in the opening game of the British Championship.

"No excuses. We were terrible," Steve admits.

He was omitted for Scotland's two other games, but has since successfully returned to the side to play a leading role in their World Cup campaign.

So how does Archibald rate his international striking partners Andy Gray and Kenny Dalglish?

"I love playing with Andy," he says. "He never stops working to make space for me, and his advice and help has been invaluable.

"I think Kenny is top notch —

because I was so happy.

"It wasn't until midway through last season that the thought of a move even crossed my mind.

"Then I saw a little piece in the paper saying that Arsenal were interested in me, and that set my mind ticking over.

"The more I thought about it, the more a move to England appealed to me, and after a hell of a lot of soul searching I asked for a transfer.

"Believe me, it wasn't easy. I spent hours talking it all over with Alex Ferguson, and he reluctantly agreed to let me go."

As the news of his availability circulated, he was convinced that his future lay with either Arsenal

or Crystal Palace.

Unbeknown to Steve, Spurs had been in for him long before his eventual transfer ever materialised.

"In the end it came down to a straight choice between Palace and Spurs. I don't know what happened to Arsenal — they just dropped out of the reckoning.

"Although Palace were regarded as an up and coming team, I opted for Spurs. They are still a magical name, and there was no way I could turn them down.

"Fortunately I made the right decision. I could be in Clive Allen's position right now.

"But when it came to the crunch, I suddenly changed my mind. My whole career had just taken off, and the fact that my daughter Emma had just been born made it even harder for me.

"I had virtually decided to stay put. Then one night I had a long chat with a friend, and he convinced me a move to Tottenham was too good an opportunity to turn down.

"That was it. I changed my mind overnight, and once I had taken the decision, the transfer was completed within a couple of days."

So in May, 1980, Steve Archibald duly signed for Tottenham Hotspur. His fee was a massive £800,000, making him the most expensive player ever to come out of Scotland.

NEXT WEEK: Teething troubles at Tottenham, and F.A. Cup glory.



The assistance of Billy McNeill (above) helped Archibald develop into the Scottish international player of recent months (right).

probably the best in Britain. But I find him harder to play with than Andy, because we always seem to be going for the same balls."

Steve's first international cap was gained as an Aberdeen player — his second came after the biggest decision of his career; his move to England and the big-time world of Tottenham Hotspur.

"It was undoubtedly the toughest moment of my life," he says.

"Everything had gone so well at Aberdeen, and when it came to the crunch, I didn't really want to go



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This week's Star Letter comes from I. Shotton
of Darenth, who wins our Special Prize of £10.
He writes:

CLARKE LIKE CLOUGH

★ THERE seems to be growing criticism of Allan Clarke's methods at Leeds. At the moment Leeds are not the most entertaining of teams, but Clarke has pulled them clear of the threat of relegation and that was the main task he faced when he took the job.

As a Forest fan, the arrival of Clough and Taylor at the club and their subsequent success has educated me, and I'm sure many other Forest fans, on what it takes to become a successful manager in the game.

I believe Clarke is a similar manager to Clough; like Clough he was an arrogant player; like Clough he started life as a manager in the lower Divisions with Barnsley; like Clough he's an outspoken manager who believes in his ability.

Clough and Taylor are masters of motivation — using psychology to great effect. Clarke has shown he can do this also. One nice touch I thought was when at Barnsley he took his players down a pit to show them what life could have been like.

I believe that Allan Clarke will become as big a manager as Clough and that he will probably win something within three years at Leeds.

In fact, I can see him leading them to a European Cup triumph within five years. When Clough eventually leaves Forest there's no one I'd rather see take over than Clarke.

● Clarke (above, right) has done the first part of his job — saving Leeds from relegation. I hope next season he can build on this with a more attacking formation.



Sour grapes

YOUR rather adverse comments on the recruiting of English footballers to the Republic of Ireland squad was surely a case of sour grapes.

Why shouldn't we take full advantage of the ruling? We have few enough players to choose from as it is.

If a player wants to play for a particular country it's his own business. Anyway, we don't exactly twist their arms and force them to play for us. They play for us because they want to.

In complete contrast, England have more players than they know what to do with. How they can't pick 11 brilliant players from a cast of thousands is beyond me.

M. O'HALLORAN,
CARRICK-ON-SUIR.

● I stand by what I said: that only players whose parents were born in the Republic should be eligible to play. How Irish is Michael Robinson, whose great-grandmother hails from Eire?

Little's big tragedy

I MUST express great sadness about the premature termination of Brian Little's career.

The most gifted player to come out of Villa Park in the last decade, Brian was extremely loyal and a great favourite with the crowd.

His pieces of magic have made him a player to remember. He won promotion to Division Three and Division Two with Villa and two League Cups, but missed out on the big one — the League Championship.

It would be ironic if Villa win the League this season now Brian has retired.

His international honours spanned 20 minutes v. Wales at Wembley in which he made the two goals to give England a draw.

To this day it remains a mystery why he never represented England again. I trust that Villa will give him a testimonial and look after him well.

I'm sure I voice all Villa supporters' feelings when I say "Good luck, Brian, you deserve it".

ROBERT WARD,
BIRMINGHAM.

● Brian (left) had the skill to make it to the top... but not the luck.



Unfair Spurs

ISN'T it about time football clubs recognised their true fans and aimed to ensure that they gained preferential treatment regarding Cup tickets?

As a keen Tottenham supporter, I have seen them play over 30 games this season, yet I am one of the unlucky supporters who was without a 'Semi-Final' ticket for the game against Wolves.

The reason for this was the club's ludicrous decision to introduce a ballot for the remaining allocation of tickets not taken up by season-ticket holders.

These ballot cards were issued at the two recent home games against Stoke and Aston Villa.

Therefore, a supporter seeing his first game of the season stood an equal chance of obtaining a ticket to someone who had not missed a home game all year.

This situation angers me and not until a fairer method of distributing such tickets is adopted will clubs gain the respect of all their supporters.

N. IRVING,
CHALFONT ST. PETER.

● Cup ticket distribution is always tricky. I prefer to see clubs issuing vouchers in programmes — the more you have, the more chance of a ticket.

Greenwood flop

RON GREENWOOD has flopped again in picking his England sides. Throughout his management he has been loyal to his favourites.

You might have thought that in a friendly he might experiment but, NO.

No Kenny Swain, it's a disgrace. He was voted in the team of the year by his fellow professionals, but not in the England "A" or "B" team!

Players like Brooking, Watson, Thompson, Keegan, Neal, Mills and Clemence are all living on reputation, Greenwood should forget them.

He should watch attacking teams like Villa, Everton, Ipswich and Spurs.

Perhaps he feels that they're too adventurous for his boring play. He seems to believe that until you're old enough you're not good enough.

ROBERT WARD,
BIRMINGHAM.

● Greenwood chose what was a potentially exciting, attacking team against Spain — and it backfired. I'd blame the players more than the manager for this.

'Schoolboy' Clemence

AS a True Blue Everton supporter I feel compelled to write and counter Ray Clemence's recent column in SHOOT.

Up until now I have had every respect for Ray both as an excellent goalkeeper for Liverpool and England and as a relatively fair judge in his column. However, this article sounds more like one half of a schoolboy argument than the unbiased view of an experienced professional.

I am not disputing his major claim that Everton are not a great side, very few Blues would be so presumptuous as to suggest it.

But I feel that Ray has taken the word too literally when used by a gloating Goodison fan.

Everton supporters have been able to cheer victories only twice in recent years against the old enemy and the word 'great' could be heard on the terraces from supporters of teams as far apart as Ipswich and Torquay when their team has played well.

D. HALL,
WIGTON.

● I received many similar letters from angry Blues fans. All the same it's been a dreadful season for Everton — and I can't see 1981/82 being much better.

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Cup win

What is the biggest F.A. Cup win by a non-League side over a League club since the last War?

RICHARD MAKRAK,
IRAQ

● Derby County 1, Boston United 6 — that sensational score-line from 1955 looks easily the most impressive in the post-War period, Richard, and maybe of all time.

True, Derby were temporarily in the doldrums — playing that season in the old Third Division (North) — but, even so, this massive win of Boston's was a pretty formidable demolition job on the ground of a famous club which had been F.A. Cup winners themselves less than ten years earlier.

Same goal

Have two players ever scored the same goal by kicking the ball at exactly the same moment?

CHRISTOPHER BUTTON,
DOVER

● Can't trace a case, in top-class football anyway, of a "for us" goal, Christopher — but I certainly know of a similar own-goal.

It happened, in a First Division game at Chelsea, on 18th December, 1954.

Leicester defenders Jack Froggatt and Stan Milburn were involved in a goal-mouth misunderstanding, both got their boot to the ball at the same time for an intended clearance — and it skidded into their own net behind them.

So, in the 3-1 win for Chelsea, that went down on the score-sheet as "Froggatt and Milburn, shared own-goal".

It also helped Chelsea win the League title that season — and send Leicester down to the Second Division!

Pele goals

Can you tell me when, and against whom, Pele scored his first, 100th, 500th, and 1,000th first-class goal?

MICHAEL WATTS,
OXFORD

● They were all for Santos, Michael — the first coming against Corinthians on 7th September, 1956.

Number 100 was against Commercial on 31st July, 1958; 500th against Botafogo on 5th September, 1962; and number 1,000 was a penalty against Vasco de Gama on 18th November, 1969.

SHORT PASSES

● Phil Thompson's first full England cap was gained in the 2-1 win over Wales at Wrexham on 24th March, 1976.

(JOHN van STEEN, Holland)

● Orient have played just one season in Division One — 1962-63.

(GBENGA OBOBA, Nigeria)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

'Scotland, England and Wales will reach Spain'

AFTER next week's round of World Cup-ties we could have a much clearer picture as to who will be going to Spain. At the moment I'd say that Scotland, England and Wales will definitely reach the Finals, while Northern Ireland are possibles. Poor old Eire seem to have had no luck regarding refereeing decisions and really have their backs to the wall now.

Perhaps surprisingly, I don't go along with those who have started to write England off after the home defeat by Spain. In my view there isn't a lot wrong with the England side and it's absolutely unthinkable that a World Cup comprising 24 countries could not include England.

I felt a bit sorry for Ron Greenwood after the Spain match. He picked the team just about everyone wanted — and when it didn't quite work there were even calls for the manager's head!

The England side that lost to Spain will probably be the next England team, to take over from the established one after the next World Cup. The younger players need more time to get to grips with international football — their day will come, though.

The team who can feel most confident about going to Spain is Wales. Even though they've still their toughest three games to come — two against the USSR and away to Czechoslovakia — Mike England could have asked no more of his players.

Although going to Iceland and Turkey is easier than Moscow, it isn't easy and full credit to the Welsh. We went to Israel and it was assumed we'd win easily, but it doesn't happen just like that. I noticed even Rumania lost in Tel Aviv a couple of weeks ago in a friendly.

Pressure

The USSR and Czechoslovakia must still emulate Wales' results and the pressure is on them now.

To say we must beat Israel in Hampden next Tuesday is an understatement. Not only that, we'll be looking to at least equal Portugal's 3-0 defeat of Israel in Lisbon. Goal-difference may just be the decider in our group and we're slightly behind in this respect.

We haven't really given our fans too much to cheer about lately — apart from the supporters who have

travelled to Stockholm and Tel Aviv.

I expect that we'll feel the pressure if we haven't scored after 15 minutes next week, but the present Scotland team is professional enough not to let this force us into pumping high balls into the Israeli penalty-area.

Israel didn't look a bad team in Tel Aviv, although I doubt if they'll relish playing in front of 70,000 Scotland fans in Glasgow. Their side didn't seem too tight at the back and we could capitalise on this. Mind you, they're almost certain to play a more defensive formation at Hampden and we'll be confronted by a nine-man back-four, if you get my meaning!

One reason behind Scotland's slightly disappointing performances is that Jock Stein hasn't been able to field the side he'd like to. At the time, I thought the team that beat Sweden would be the one to play in all the qualifiers. Injuries, plus the impressive form of certain players for their clubs which has virtually made the manager select them for their country, has changed his plans.

The squad, though, has been basically the same and I'm glad that after Israel we don't have another

competitive game until September.

This will give Jock Stein a chance to look at his team in the British Championship, where he will hopefully have a fully fit squad to choose from.

If Portugal play in Belfast as they did at Hampden I would bet on no result other than 0-0. They were so defensive it was a disgrace. Afterwards Jock Stein told us that if he ever took a team away and it had to play like that he'd give up management.

If Portugal open up a little and try for something more than a point the Irish could win. Otherwise Portugal can make life very difficult for Billy Bingham's boys.

Jock Stein

Andy Gray
WRITES
FOR YOU



"The Israelis didn't look too tight in defence when we played them in Tel Aviv."

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

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Second Division

BLACKBURN 0
NOTTS COUNTY 0 14,451
Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Garner, Busby, Lowey, Burke, Speight
Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks

BOLTON (1) 1 (Whatmore) 13,271
WEST HAM (0) 1 (Brooking)
Bolton: Poole, Nicholson, Walsh, Reid, Jones, Cantello, Nikolic, Whatmore, Thomas, Hoggan, Gowing
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin (Pearson), Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 2 (Mabbutt, Penny) 4,427
PRESTON (0) 0
Bristol Rovers: McAllister, Gillies, Mabbutt, Hughes, Jones (Cooper), Emmanuel, McCaffery, Williams (G), Williams (D), Penny, Randall
Preston: Tunks, Westwell (Bell), Baxter, Blackley, McAteer, Doyle, Bruce, Haselgrave, Coleman, McGee, Elliott

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Lewis, Dwyer) 5,201
SHREWSBURY (2) 2 (Atkins, Keay pen)
Cardiff: Grotier, Jones, Pontin, Dwyer, Thomas, Micallef, Ronson, Buchanan, Lewis, Kitchen, Stevens
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Keay, Griffin, Leonard, Tong, Atkins, Turner, Cross, Dungworth, Biggins

DERBY (0) 1 (Swindlehurst) 15,008
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Derby: Jones, Emery, McFarland/Powell (S), Buckley, Powell (B), Hector, Emson, Wilson, Duncan, Swindlehurst
Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Hay, Marshall, Sweeney, Artken, Tainton, Fitzpatrick (Pritchard), Chandler, Smith, Mabbutt

GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Whymark) 12,166
SWANSEA (0) 0
Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Brolly, Whymark, Drinkell, Steeples (Kilmore), Mitchell
Swansea: Stewart, Evans, Stevenson, Lewis, Hadziabdic, Robinson (Giles), Mahoney, James (R), Curtis, James (L)

LUTON 0
CAMBRIDGE 0 9,412
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, West, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Antic, Moss
Cambridge: Key, Evans, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Finney, Streete, Spriggs, Reilly, Lyons, Christie

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Halliday) 17,392
CHELSEA (0) 0
Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Davies, Martin (Carney), Barton, Halliday, Shoulder, Trewick, Harford, Wharton, Walker
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Rofe, Bumstead, Dray, Chivers, Driver, Fillery (Hutchins), Lee, Walker, Rhoades-Brown

OLDHAM (2) 2 (Atkinson, Steel) 4,802
WATFORD (1) 1 (Ward)
Oldham: Platt, Edwards, Blair, Keegan, Fletcher, Clements, Heaton, Atkinson, Steel, Wyld, Palmer
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Blissett, Ward (Roston), Armstrong, Jackett, Poskett

ORIENT (0) 2 (Jennings, Taylor (P)) 6,561
SHEFF. WED (0) 0
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Moores, Chiedoie, Bowles, Jennings, Mayo, Taylor (T)
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirliff, Sterland, Mirocevic, Taylor (Hornby), Johnson, McCulloch, Curran

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Buxton pen) 5,887
Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Waddock)
Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Dwyer, Jones, Cegielski, Carrodus, Fox, Arkwright, Vinter, Buxton, Cartwright
Q.P.R.: Burridge, Shanks, Gillard, Fenwick, Wicks, Roeder, Sealy, Francis, Flanagan, Currie, Waddock (King)

Third Division

BARNLEY (1) 3 (Glavin, Banks 2 (1 pen)) 13,689
BURNLEY (2) 2 (Pheland, Scott)

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Beardsley) 4,531

BRENTFORD (0) 0
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Kemp) 5,870

FULHAM (1) 2 (Davies, Wilson) 4,570
NEWPORT (0) 1 (Gwyther)

HUDDERSFIELD 0
CHESTER 0 11,170

HULL (1) 2 (Mutrie, Edwards) 3,309
GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Lee 2)

READING (1) 1 (Hetzke) 6,989
CHARLTON (1) 3 (Powell, Hales, Walsh)

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Moore 2) 7,965
COLCHESTER (0) 0

SHEFF UTD (2) 2 (Garner, Hatton) 10,350
MILLWALL (0) 3 (Hayes 2, Mitchell)

SWINDON (1) 2 (Rideout, Rowland) 6,509
EXETER (1) 2 (Pearson, Kellow)

WALSALL (2) 4 (Rees 2, O'Kelly, Hart) 4,044
CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Moss 3)

Fourth Division

BOURNEMOUTH 0
PORT VALE 0 4,665

BRADFORD (0) 0
BURY (0) 2 (Madden 2) 2,242

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Harding) 1,928
STOCKPORT (0) 0

HEREFORD (0) 0
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Allatt) 2,588

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Healey) 2,424
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Hobson)

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Gynn) 4,904
MANSFIELD (0) 0

ROCHDALE 0
DARLINGTON 0 1,845

YORK (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Cork) 2,026

Scottish Premier

CELTIC (0) 1 (McCluskey) 35,200
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Harrow)
Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, McAdam, Aitken, Reid, Sullivan, MacLeod, Burns, Provan, McGarvey, Nicholas (McCluskey)
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, McLeish, Miller, Rougvie, Simpson, Watson, Bell (Jarvie), McGhee, Harrow (McCall), Scanlon

HEARTS (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (2) 4 (Sturrock 2, Kirkwood 2) 3,776
Hearts: Brough, Hamilton, More, Liddell (F), Shields, Hamill, MacDonald, Kidd, O'Brien, Gibson, Liddell (G)
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Hegarty (Payne), Narey, Kopel, Kirkwood, Addison, Phillip, Bannan, Sturrock, Ward

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Anderson (G)) 1,849
Kilmarnock: McCulloch, Robin, Cockburn, Clark, Armstrong, McDicken, McBride (Hughes), McLean, Bourke, Mauchlen, Doherty
Airdrie: Gardiner, Harvey, Rodger, Walker, Anderson (G), McCluskey, Flood (Thomson), Clark, Anderson (N), McKeown, McGuire

PARTICK (1) 3 (Watson, Higgins, Rooney (o.g.)) 2,000
MORTON (1) 1 (Rooney)
Partick: Welsh, Anderson (Sweeney), Campbell, Lapsley, MacDonald, Jardine, Watson (McKinnon), Park, Higgins, Clark
Morton: Baines, Hayes, McLaughlin, Marr, Holmes, Busby, Rooney, Cochrane (Hutchinson), Tolmie, Thomson, Ritchie (Houston)

ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Richardson 2) 9,988
RANGERS (0) 1 (Dawson)
St Mirren: Thomson, McCormack, Copland, Fulton, McAveety, Stark, Abercrombie, Weir (Logan), McDougall, Richards, Bone
Rangers: Stewart, Miller, Jackson, Forsyth, Dawson, Bett, Russell, McLean (Jardine), Redford, Johnston (Cooper), McAdam

Scottish First

AYR (0) 0
HIBS (1) 1 (Jamieson) 2,997

DUNDEE 0
BERWICK 0 4,000

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Jenkins) 1,800
MOTHERWELL (3) 3 (Gahagan, Irvine, Kidd pen)

HAMILTON (0) 2 (Brown, Craig) 1,200
EAST STIRLING (1) 2 (Lamont, Gourlay)

RAITH 0
FALKIRK 0 3,000

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Brogan, Kilgour) 2,647
DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Gallagher (B))

STIRLING 0
CLYDEBANK 0 600

Scottish Second

ALBION (0) 0
COWDENBEATH (0) 2 (Liddle, Forrest) 250

ARBROATH (0) 0
ALLOA (0) 3 (Spence, Grant, McIntosh) 500

CLYDE (2) 6 (McAlpine, O'Neill, Masterton, Evans, Ahern, Dolton) 400
MONTROSE (0) 0

FORFAR (2) 3 (Farningham 2, Watt) 800
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Sproat)

QoS (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 2 (Jack, Hancock) 1,000

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McSkimming) 1,135
BRECHIN (0) 0

STRANRAER (1) 1 (Murphy) 200
EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Thomson)

Sunday, March 29

Third Division

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Gregory) 12,243
OXFORD (1) 1 (Cassells)

Fourth Division

TORQUAY (2) 2 (Jones, Cox) 2,086
ALDERSHOT (0) 0

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Mungall, Kelly) 3,436
WIGAN (2) 3 (Houghton 3)



Alan Young (Leicester City)

Tuesday, March 31

First Division

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Stapleton, O'Leary) 17,431
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Worthington)
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine (McDermott), Sanson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Davis, Sunderland, Stapleton, Nicholas, Rix
Birmingham: Wealds, Langan, Dennis, Dillon, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Evans (Bertschin), Worthington, Gemmill, Broadhurst

LEEDS (2) 3 (Hird pen, Harris, Hart) 26,462
IPSWICH (0) 0
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Hird, Parlant, Stevenson, Graham
Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, McCall (O'Callaghan), Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 3 (Reeves 2, Henry) 26,141
LEICESTER (0) 3 (Williams, Young, Melrose)

Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Power, Caton, Bennett, Henry, Mackenzie, Hutchison, Reeves
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Friar, Byrne (McDonald), May, Welsh, Lynex, Melrose, Young, Wilson, Grewcock

W.B.A. (1) 2 (Robson, Brown) 14,833
EVERTON (0) 0
WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Mosas, Wile, Bennett, (Brown), Robson, Deehan, Regis, Mills, Barnes
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Ratcliffe, Wright, Stanley, Ross, McMahon (Varadi), Eastoe, Telfer

Second Division

DERBY (0) 0
SWANSEA (0) 1 (Charles) 16,210
Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Powell (S), McFarland (Sheridan), Powell (B), Wilson, Hector, Duncan, Swindlehurst, Emson
Swansea: Stewart, Evans, Hadziabdic (Curtis), Attley, Stevenson, Lewis, Giles, James (R), James (L), Charles, Craig

ORIENT (1) 4 (Chiedoie, Jennings 2, Taylor (P)) 6,724
QPR (0) 0
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Moores, Chiedoie (Godfrey), Bowles, Jennings, Hughton, Taylor (P)
QPR: Burridge, Shanks, Gillard (Silkman), Fenwick, Wicks, Roeder, Flanagan, Francis, Sealey, Currie, Waddock

WREXHAM 0
LUTON 0 4,157
Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Dwyer, Jones, Cegielski, Carrodus, Fox, Arkwright, Vinter, Buxton, Jones (Williams)
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White (Ingram), Antic, Moss

Third Division

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Robson) 4,385
EXETER (0) 1 (Rogers (P))

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Moore) 9,762
BURNLEY (0) 0

SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 1 (Matthews) 20,369
BARNLEY (1) 1 (Riley)

Fourth Division

BURY (1) 2 (Howard, Cruickshank) 3,394
DONCASTER (0) 0

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Hodges) 2,638
WIGAN (0) 0

ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP

(Final, second leg)

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (Masson) 12,951
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Crawford)
AET. Chesterfield win 2-1 on agg.

Scottish Second

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Jack) 300
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Boyd)

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...



Mark McGhee (Aberdeen)

Wednesday, April 1

League Cup

(Final replay)

LIVERPOOL (2) 2 (Dalglish, Hansen)
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Goddard) At Villa Park 36,693
 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Case.
 West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike (Pearson).

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Simpson, McGhee, McLeish)
PARTICK (0) 1 (Watson) 9,000
 Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Simpson, Angus, McGhee, Harrow, Scanlon.
 Partick: McNab, McKinnon, Whittaker, Welsh, Campbell, Watson, Park, McDonald, Higgins, Lapsley, Clark.
CELTIC (3) 6 (McCluskey 2, McLeod 2, Provan, McGarvey)
HEARTS (0) 0 13,300
 Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Sullivan, McAdam, Aitken, Provan, McLeod, McGarvey, Burns, McCluskey.
 Partick: Rough, Denny, Shields, Kidd, More, Hamill, MacKay, Gibson, Liddell (G), Bowman, MacDonald.

RANGERS (2) 4 (Johnstone 2, MacDonald, Redford)
MORTON (0) 0 2,500
 Rangers: Stewart, Miller, Dawson, Forsyth, Jackson (Jardine), Bett, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Redford, MacDonald.
 Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr (Marr), McNeil (Houston), Busby, Thomson, Tolmie, Ritchie.

Scottish First

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Sinclair, Fraser)
RAITH (0) 1 (Candlish) 6,178
DUNFERMLINE (2) 2 (McNaughton 2)
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Miller) 1,550
E. STIRLING (0) 1 (McCaig)
STIRLING (0) 0 800

Scottish Second

CLYDE (0) 1 (Ahern pen)
QoS (1) 4 (Gordon, Phillips, Robertson pen, Alexander) 500
COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Hunter)
FORFAR (1) 2 (Watt 2) 450
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McCoy)
MONTROSE (0) 0 976

Friday, April 3

First Division

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Whelan, McDermott 2)
STOKE (0) 0 33,308

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Case.
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Munro, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Ursem, Bracewell, Chapman, Heath, Maguire.

Third Division

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Price)
WALSALL (0) 0 4,112

Fourth Division

CREWE (0) 2 (Palios, Conroy)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 2,419
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Bradd)
SOUTHEND (0) 0 2,278

Saturday, April 4

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Evans, Broadhurst)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Bell) 12,477
 Birmingham: Wealds, Langan, Dennis, Dillon, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Evans, Bertschin, Gemmill, Broadhurst.
 Middlesbrough: Platt, Nattrass, Bailey, Bell, Angus, McAndrew, Askew, Woof, Shearer, MacDonald (Ashcroft), Armstrong.



Jimmy Mann (Bristol City)

BRIGHTON (0) 0
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Hollins) 21,015
 Brighton: Digweed, Stevens, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, Gregory, Stille (Ritchie), Robinson, Smith, McNab.
 Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Davis, Rix.

LEEDS (1) 3 (Stevenson, Parlane, Flynn)
COVENTRY (0) 0 15,882
 Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Firm, Harris, Hird, Parlane (Butterworth), Stevenson, Graham.
 Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Thomas, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodak (Bannister), Daly, Thompson, English, Hunt.

LEICESTER (2) 2 (Lynex 2 (1 pen))
ASTON VILLA (2) 4 (Withe 2, Bremner, Morley) 26,032
 Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Friar, Byrne, May, Scott, Lynex, Melrose, Young, Wilson, Grewcock.
 Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

MANCHESTER UTD (0) 1 (Duxbury)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0 37,974
 Man Utd: Bailey, Duxbury, Albiston, Moran, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Birtles, Jordan, Macari, Thomas (Wilkins).
 C Palace: Barron, Lovell, Hinshelwood, Price, Boyle, Gilbert, Bason, Brooks, Walsh, Langley, Hilaire.

NORWICH (2) 2 (Barham, McDowell pen)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 17,957
 Norwich: Woods, McDowell, Downs, McGuire, Walford, Watson, O'Neill (Bennett), Fashanu, Royle, Padon, Barham.
 Man City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Power, Booth, Bennett, Henry, Mackenzie, Hutchison, Reeves.

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Keegan, Channon)
NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 22,712
 Southampton: Wells, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon (Puckett), Baker, Ball, Moran.

Nottm Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray (F), Gray (S), Aas, Burns, Mills, Wallace, Francis, Walsh, Robertson.

SUNDERLAND (0) 0
WOLVES (0) 1 (Gray) 20,138
 Sunderland: Siddall, Whitworth, Bolton, Elliott, Hindmarch, Arnott, Chisholm, Bowyer, Brown (Rowell), Cummins, Ritchie.
 Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Clarke, McAlle, Berry, Atkinson, Carr, Bell, Teasdale, Eves (Gray).

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Crooks, Galvin)
EVERTON (2) 2 (Hartford, Veradi) 27,208
 Tottenham: Aleksic, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Brooke (Villa), Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Crooks, Huddle.
 Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Stanley, Ross, Lyons, Eastoe, Veradi (Telfer), Hartford, Lodge.

WBA (2) 3 (Brown, Batson, Barnes)
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Brazil) 22,216
 WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen, Barnes.
 Ipswich: Cooper, Steggles (Parkin), McCall, Mills, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, O'Callaghan, Brazil, Gates.

Second Division

BRISTOL CITY (0) 3 (Hay, Mann, Mabbutt)
ORIENT (0) 1 (Jennings) 5,803
 Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Hay, Aitken, Marshall, Sweeney, Tainton, Mann, Mabbutt, Smith, Chandler.
 Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Moores, Chiedozi (Mayo), Bowles, Jennins, Hughton, Taylor (P).

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Fallon, O'Neill)
BOLTON (1) 3 (Reid, Nikolic, Whatmore) 4,512
 Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Finney, Streete, Spriggs, Reilly, Lyons, O'Neill.
 Bolton: Poole, Nicholson, Walsh, Reid, Jones, Cantello, Nikolic, Whatmore, Thomas, Hoggan, Gowing.

CHELSEA (0) 0
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Stevens) 11,569
 Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Rofe, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Driver, Fillery, Lee, Walker, Rhoades-Brown.
 Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Sullivan, Grapes, Pontin, Dwyer, Lewis, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.

PRESTON (0) 1 (Bruce)
OLDHAM (2) 2 (Wylyde, Atkinson) 6,154
 Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Baxter, Blackley, Bell, Haslegrove, Coleman, Doyle, Houston, McGee, Bruce.
 Oldham: McDonnell, Edwards, Fletcher, Clements, Blair, Heaton, Keegan, Atkinson (McDonough), Wylyde, Palmer, Steel.

QPR (1) 1 (Francis pen)
GRIMSBY (0) 0 8,906
 QPR: Burridge, Shanks, Gillard, Silkman, Wicks, Roeder, Flanagan, Francis, Sealy, Currie, Waddock.
 Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Broily (Kilmore), Whymark, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

SHEFFIELD WED (1) 3 (Mirocevic, Curran 2)
LUTON (0) 1 (Ingram) 17,006
 Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirtliff, Mellor, Mirocevic, Johnson, Taylor (Hornsby), McCulloch, Curran.
 Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Aizlewood, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill (Ingram), Stein, Donaghy, Antic, Moss.

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (King)
DERBY (0) 0 6,668
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Dungworth, Biggins, Cross (Bates).
 Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Wilson (Gibson), Powell (S), Shendan, Powell (B), Reid, Hector, Clayton, Swindlehurst.

SWANSEA (0) 2 (Stevenson, James (L))
BLACKBURN (0) 0 12,011
 Swansea: Stewart, Evans, Hadziabdic, Attley, Lewis, Stevenson, Craig, Giles, James (R), Charles, James (L).
 Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Round (Stonehouse), Garner, Lowsey, Busby, Speight.

WATFORD 0
NEWCASTLE 0 10,986
 Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Ward, Blissett, Armstrong, Jackett, Poskett.
 Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Davies, Martin, Barton, Halliday, Shoulder, Trewick, Harford, Wharton, Walker.

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Pike, Goddard)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0 23,544
 West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Brush, Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.
 Bristol Rovers: McAllister, Gillies, Jones, McCaffery, Hughes, Emmanuel, Williams (G) (Cooper), Williams (D), Randall, Penny, Mabbutt.

BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, April 25th

Villa v Middlesbrough

MIDDLESBROUGH have enjoyed a good run against Villa in recent years, with only two defeats in their last 15 League games, but this looks like a chance for Villa to halt that trend.

Villa's latest win over Middlesbrough was eight games ago — in April, 1977 — when John Deehan got the only goal in a tight game at Villa Park. Surprising as it may seem, Aston Villa have since failed to score against Middlesbrough in three games at home and only netted once in four games at Ayresome Park. That solitary goal was scored by Gary Shaw in their 2-1 defeat at Ayresome Park last December.

The last time Villa managed more than a couple of goals in a League game with Middlesbrough was at Villa Park in November, 1953, when Tommy Thompson got a hat-trick for the home side in a 5-3 victory.

Ipswich v Man. City

ONE has to go back 19 years, to Manchester City's first-ever League visit to Portman Road, to find them gaining a victory there. On that occasion City scored all six goals in a 4-2 victory, including two in their own goal.

Since then City have played 14 times at Portman Road, losing nine and drawing five.

Last season City were beaten 4-0 in this game, but one can't help feeling they will do better this time despite Ipswich's position.

Leicester v Birmingham

SATURDAY'S game will be the 100th League clash between these two clubs. So far, Birmingham are ahead with 44 wins to Leicester's 38, and 17 games drawn. Birmingham have lost only one of their last eight League games at Filbert Street — last season when Leicester won by the odd goal in three.

Back in December, Leicester gained a 2-1 win at St Andrews and if they can repeat that performance on Saturday it will be their second double over Birmingham in successive seasons.

Sheff. Wed. v West Ham

HAVING beaten Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 at Upton Park in December, West Ham will be looking for the double on Saturday.

The Hammers have not visited Hillsborough since January, 1970, when they won 3-2 — their sixth victory in 28 League games on this ground.

Older Wednesday supporters like to recall when their favourites were League Championship contenders and walloped West Ham 7-0 (Johnny Fantham two, Derek Wilkinson, Alan Finney two, Bobby Craig and Keith Ellis), in November, 1959.

We can't expect anything like that on Saturday. In any event West Ham haven't lost any of their last five meetings with Wednesday.

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2. Trevor scored West Ham's F.A. Cup winning goal against Arsenal in May, 1980. Was it a penalty, a volley or a header?
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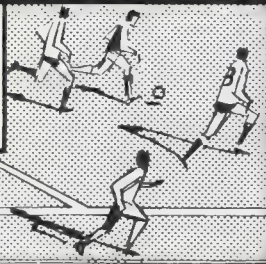


YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1

A substitute warms up by running along the touch line. Should you stop play and ask him to stay on the bench?



2

A ball boy stops the ball before it is out of play and hands it to a player to save time. Should you (a) award a free-kick against the defending side, (b) take no action or (c) stop play and drop the ball where the ball boy came on to the field?



4

A player is lifted by his team-mate to enable him to head a high cross into his opponent's net. Should you allow the goal?



3

A player falls over the touch line and takes a quick throw while kneeling on the ground. Should you (a) take no action, (b) have him retake the throw or (c) award a foul throw?



5

As you are blowing your whistle for the end of the game, a defender handles the ball outside the penalty area. Should you add on time for the free-kick?



ANSWERS

1. Yes. 2. Stop play and drop the ball where the ball boy came on to the field (c). During a recent game at Nottingham Forest, a ball boy stopped the ball before it rolled over the line and threw it to Kenny Burns. I stopped play and told the lad to let the ball cross the line first. Kenny even asked me if I was going to book the ball boy! 3. Have him retake the throw (b). 4. No. 5. No.

A 'one off' campaign of F.A. Cup glory... or the moment that Exeter City shook the dust off their boots and laid the foundations of a new future?

"We believe that next season will show we've done ourselves a power of good," says Ian Pearson.

The midfielder player who became the most famous milkman in the West by delivering pints in the morning before playing a major role in Exeter's Cup triumphs insists: "We learned a lot about ourselves and that applies right across the club.

"I've seen some quotes from our manager Brian Godfrey about him being new to that side of the game. He feels that he picked up a great deal of knowledge about management and that the experience of the Cup run will make him even better at his job.

"That goes for all of us. The players, the staff, and even the

solid club. What was equally significant, we've produced results against the best. In terms of football ability, this side lacks very little.

"That is why beating clubs like Newcastle and Leicester should be seen as a breakthrough; because now the players know that we can match famous teams from the top two Divisions.

"The Cup run will do the world of good to those players, in particular, whose experience had not taken them beyond the Third Division.

"Having performed successfully against players from the First and Second Divisions, they now know that there is nothing to fear; nothing beyond their ability."

What was it like after the defeat at Tottenham? "A sense of anti-climax. The snap went out of our legs, even in training. But that lasted only a few days. Then there

EXETER BREAKTHROUGH



Peter Rogers (No. 8) nets for Exeter in the 4-0 F.A. Cup defeat of Newcastle.

spectators, who did so well for the team. You see, Exeter has been a geographical, as well as a football, backwater. Now all of that has changed. We've a new confidence and a new belief in ourselves."

Devon, and then all of England, were caught up in the exploits of Exeter as they swept Leicester City and Newcastle out of the F.A. Cup and then fought so bravely at Spurs. It was the football romance story of the season and Exeter are determined that it be more than a memory.

"Only a few of us know anything about the game beyond the Third and Fourth Divisions," explains Ian. "I'd played in the Second Division for Millwall, Phil Roberts had been capped by Wales, John Delve had a handful of games for Q.P.R., John Sparrow had been in the First for Chelsea... but that's about it.

"The good that the Cup run did for those Exeter players who hadn't seen football at this level is immeasurable. Having had the taste of it once, they won't let it go now."

Ian points out firmly that people right across football should not have been caught by surprise.

"It was 1977 when we left the Fourth Division; since then we have been steadily improving in the Third. Last season we finished eighth and that was the highest placing in the club's history.

"We've proved that we are a

was a mood of 'let's show the other Third Division clubs how we did it'.

"By the same token, the other clubs in the Division whom we met in the wake of our Cup run gave their game that bit more urgency. They wanted to break us down to show that they could have done just as well as we did.

"The one way to show the whole world that it wasn't a fluke would be to make a promotion bid next season and win a place in the Second Division for the first time."

Transformed

Publicity, something which the great clubs accept as their right, transformed the lives of Exeter's players. No one more so than Ian, whose picture dumping milk bottles on doorsteps in the first light of dawn reached millions of homes.

"I'm happy to take all that," he responds. "When you make your living in one of football's outposts, the national fame comes as a pleasing bonus to success on the pitch. That goes for all of the lads. We all got a great kick after becoming headline news for a few weeks.

"It is difficult to look ahead a few weeks in football, let alone to next season. But all of us sincerely believe that our 1980-81 Cup run was the start of something bigger and better for Exeter City."

PRESTON N.E.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

It is customary for managers of struggling clubs to comfort themselves with talk of the fine young players coming through the ranks to represent a bright new future.

But while Preston boss Nobby Stiles is satisfied with the progress of players such as Simon Westwell, Willie Naughton, Graham Houston and Steve Doyle, he knows if results don't improve he may not figure in the future plans at Deepdale.

"These lads will all be good players in the next few years — but we need results now if we are to avoid relegation to the Third Division," he openly admits.

"Obviously, I am not happy with our current position, and I'd rather start building the team from the Second Division than start at a lower level.

"Overall, I think I have been reasonably successful in my four years in charge here,

but I realise the pressure is on me to keep us up."

"I am feeling that pressure, and so are my players. My task now is to get them to relax and get the right results in our remaining few games to get us out of trouble.

"I don't want the sack — but if it happens it is something I will just have to accept."

It is that straightforward, realistic approach which has won Stiles many admir-

HONOURS

First Division Champions: 1889, 1890,

Runners-up: 1891, 1892, 1893, 1906, 1953, 1958.

Second Division Champions: 1904, 1913, 1951.

Runners-up: 1915, 1934.

Third Division Champions: 1971.

F.A. Cup winners: 1889, 1938.

Runners-up: 1888, 1922, 1937, 1954, 1964.

ers in a career which touched the heights of success with a World Cup winners' medal in 1966.

But that will count for nothing if Preston fail to beat the drop after a three-year flirtation with Second Division football under Stiles' management.

"At the start of the season people were telling me we should be aiming for promotion. I thought we had the best squad of players in my time here, and had every reason to feel confident.

"I don't know why things haven't worked out. If I did, we wouldn't be where we are now," Stiles continues.

"This is a new experience for me, and I feel I will benefit from these troubles.

"Our biggest problem this season has been inconsistency. I appreciate you need a settled side to get a good run together, but when you lose three or four games in succession you have to make changes.

"I'm not blaming the players for our pre-

sent predicament. Perhaps I should be questioning myself ... I just don't know.

"But I think we still have a reasonable chance of staying up, and if we can succeed in that aim we will be able to start next season with a clean slate. I hope that is how things go over the next couple of weeks."

BACK ROW (left to right): Jimmy Bell, Graham Houston, Steve Elliott, Steve Doyle, Willie Naughton, Peter Litchfield, Roy Tunks, Ian Rothwell (released), Don O'Riordan, Graham Bell.

MIDDLE ROW: George Warr (kit manager), Ricky Thomson, Paul McGee, Andy McAteer, Danny Cameron, Simon Westwell, Sean Haslegrave, Mark Walsh, Neil Hanson, Steve Webb, John Anderson, John Blackley, Harry Hubbick (trainer).

FRONT ROW: Eric Potts (now Burnley), Alex Bruce, Mick Baxter, Gary Corless (released), Alan Kelly (asst. manager), Nobby Stiles (manager), Francis Burns, Brian Taylor, Gordon Coleman.

SHOOT!

FOCUS ON

GORDON COWANS

ASTON VILLA



FULL NAME: Gordon Sidney Cowans
BIRTHPLACE: County Durham
BIRTHDATE: October 28, 1958
HEIGHT: 5ft 7½ins
WEIGHT: 10 stone
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Ford Capri S
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mirror
FAVOURITE PLAYER: West Germany's Hansi Muller
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Gary Shaw
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Mansfield Town
FOOTBALL HEROES OF CHILDHOOD: George Best and Denis Law
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Golf
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Liam Brady
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: League Cup Final second replay v Everton in 1977
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: None so far
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Everton are very appreciative
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Steak and chips, milk
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Winning and playing

well/ignorant people and long coach journeys
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Clint Eastwood and Susan George
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Playing golf.
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Rod Stewart, Diana Ross
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Go out for a drink and a nice meal
BEST FRIEND: Many good friends
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, who has always helped and advised me from an early age
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England youth, Under 21 and B caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To gain full international caps
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? No idea
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The Queen at Wembley

HE would never admit it, but Brian Clough is sweating a bit on the ability of Norwegian international Jan Einar Aas to adapt to the demands of the First Division.

If Nottingham Forest's star capture from Bayern Munich succeeds in making the transition, the £150,000 deal will go down as another enterprising bargain for Clough.

If Aas fails to make the grade, those who claim the Forest manager is losing his Midas touch will be pointing a critical finger again.

They claim that cracks are appearing in the previously impregnable Forest set-up, and that Clough and his trusty side-kick Peter Taylor have made some unsuccessful and uncharacteristic probes with the cheque-book in the past year.

The big question asked is: **HAS CLOUGH LOST HIS TOUCH?**

It becomes imperative for Aas to succeed if Forest are to recapture the thrilling form which won them the European Cup twice.

Their First Division form of late suggests that the Norwegian's arrival, allied to another major buy this summer, could restore Forest to the top next season.

Brian Clough's activity in the transfer market since he took over at Forest in January, 1975, is worthy of close study before allegations are levelled about any diminishing powers in his ability to buy the right players.

We chart Brian Clough's major buys in alphabetical order and rate their contributions out of a maximum of ten points.



Jan Einar Aas

STAN BOWLES

BRIAN CLOUGH shook football by signing 'bad-boy' Bowles from Q.P.R., in December, 1979, for £250,000. He scored a goal in his second game and wore the number eight shirt for most of the season, scoring only one more goal. He never produced the inventive midfield artistry which gained him five England caps in the mid-70's. He ruined his future at Forest by refusing to accompany the team to the 1980 European Cup Final in Spain. Clough never forgave the indiscretion and happily sold Bowles to Orient for £100,000 last summer. A brave buy, which became a misguided one.

RATING: (out of 10) 4

KENNY BURNS

ANOTHER tempestuous player until tamed by Clough's soothing influence. Burns cost Forest £135,000 — a record Forest buy at the time — when he signed from Birmingham City four years ago. A former striker, Clough has converted him into one of the best central defenders in the First Division. He reached his peak in 1978 when he was granted the "Footballer of the Year" title. Burns' contribution helped Forest achieve miracles in Europe and gain the First Division title for the first time

in 1977-78. There is no greater competitor in Forest's ranks. A courageous and inspired buy.

RATING: 8

TREVOR FRANCIS

ONE player, a striker, was needed to complete the great team Clough built in the first phase of his career at Forest. Lesser men would have frozen at the £1 million price Birmingham were asking for Francis. Clough got his man in February, 1979, to shatter the British transfer record. The money was well spent, never better illustrated than when the England striker scored Forest's winning goal against Malmö in the 1979 European Cup Final. A serious Achilles tendon injury suffered last May has done nothing to impair his acceleration, ball control, and shooting power. At a time when stylish players are in short supply, Francis is a diamond.

RATING: 10

ARCHIE GEMMILL

CLOUGH was heavily criticised for selling Gemmill to Birmingham in August, 1979. No player did more than Gemmill to clinch the Championship for Forest in 1977-78. A veteran of more than 500 League games for Preston, Derby, Forest and Birmingham, the Scottish international combined fierce but

Clough's good and



Brian Clough and Peter Taylor (left) have made some mistakes in the transfer market, but they came up trumps with the signing of Trevor Francis (above). Asa Hartford (right) failed to make such a favourable impression and was quickly sold to Everton.

fair aggression with the energy of a marathon runner to take charge of Forest's midfield after signing from Derby for £130,000 in September, 1977. Gemmill's non-stop involvement 'made' things happen for Forest, a fact which became abundantly clear after his departure and a decline in the club's performances. An absolute 'snip' at the money Clough laid out.

RATING: 8

FRANK GRAY

SCOTTISH international Gray had been at Leeds United ten years when Clough signed him for £400,000 on July 20th, 1979. Flaws were exposed in Gray's defensive technique, but there was no denying his speed of thought and eye for an opening going forward. Gray played a major part in helping Forest win the European Cup in 1980 after an outstanding season in which he had clearly shored-up any weakness in defensive play. A model professional ... and another bargain.

RATING: 7

ASA HARTFORD

THREE appearances, no goals, and trouble all the way. That sums up Asa Hartford's brief encounter with Forest after signing in the summer of 1979. Controversy

raged from the moment Clough saw Manchester City's midfield star as a replacement for Gemmill. On August 24, 1979, Clough told the newspapers: "Asa is finding it extremely difficult to fit into the side. He is running all over the place without any discipline in his play. He has never played disciplined football in his life. If he is no good he will go." He went, after 63 days with Clough's last rites ringing: "Forest are too big to change their pattern for one player." A disastrous transfer deal, Forest losing £100,000.

RATING: 2

LARRY LLOYD

LARRY LLOYD marshalled Forest's defence superbly through all their glory times.

Yet he looked big, ponderous, a carthorse in a field of stags. In truth, he became a pillar of reliability, never better demonstrated than when Forest were up against it in European competition. Clough freed Lloyd to follow a management career this season after the old war-horse had shed buckets for Forest.

RATING: 8

JOHN MCGOVERN

FOREST'S captain McGovern has been as quietly efficient for Clough

as Martin Peters was for Alf Ramsey. He has none of Francis' crowd appeal, but McGovern is full of stealth, hallmarked by a "now-you-see-me-now-you-don't" routine in midfield. There are few club men as valued as this pedigree performer.

RATING: 8

DAVE NEEDHAM

REGULAR first teamer at Notts County and Queens Park Rangers, Clough has never guaranteed the big central defender First Division football. Needham has played more for Forest than Rangers, but could have expected more from the Midland club after making more than 400 appearances for Notts County. It is a tribute to Clough's handling of players that Needham has accepted his utility role without complaint. A shrewd purchase by a manager aware of the importance of cover.

RATING: 7

JOHN O'HARE

ANOTHER tried and trusted lieutenant devoted to his commanding officer's whims. O'Hare has spent most of his time in the reserves, grabbing any opportunity of first team action. He has turned on the magic in several Cup-ties. Clough bought security when he purchased O'Hare.

RATING: 6

RAIMONDO PONTE

SWISS star Ponte was signed from Zurich Grasshoppers at the start of the season. Many Forest fans were hoping for a bigger name after Clough had combed Europe. It is only in recent weeks that Ponte has begun to justify the £250,000 expenditure. His effectiveness remains in question. He tends to pose with the ball rather than probe and ferret in the true Forest traditions. At the moment he has not proved his worth.

RATING: 5

PETER SHILTON

AS secure as the Bank of England. He, and England colleague Trevor Francis, are the two Forest players who provoke the threat from Clough that "they leave over my dead body." He bought Shilton from Stoke for £270,000 in September, 1977. He is arguably Clough's most astute buy. Now, Shilton wants to leave Forest. How can a club compensate for his loss? It is a problem only Clough could solve. A magic buy.

RATING: 10

IAN WALLACE

CONSIDERING the eulogies which greeted his £1 million capture from Coventry City, Wallace has not

produced the goods. Wallace (below) took 34 League games to score ten goals this season, an unconvincing record. The Scot could be excused for not producing his best after playing alongside a series of different strikers caused by Francis' prolonged injury. Hopefully, he will justify the huge sum Clough splashed out, but as yet he has been a disappointment.

RATING: 6



PETER WARD

PETER TAYLOR wanted to buy Ward from Brighton, Clough didn't. Taylor's powers of persuasion tilted the balance. Forest paid £500,000 for a striker rated a new "Jimmy Greaves". Ward has not fulfilled his potential, despite the chance he was given during Francis' absence. Clough will do his utmost to turn Ward into a First Division player.

RATING: 3

PETER WITHE

THE most underrated striker in the First Division. Withe was the ideal front man for Clough, blending superbly with Tony Woodcock. The Forest boss could be criticised for selling Withe to Newcastle United, yet the success achieved by Birtles and Francis since his departure stifles that argument. An inspired buy from Birmingham.

RATING: 7

VERDICT

BRIAN CLOUGH has made 15 major buys in six years at Forest. Asa Hartford's transfer was a dreadful mistake. Peter Ward, Raimondo Ponte and Ian Wallace have much to do before they justify their price.

Norwegian international star Einar Aas has made a promising start to his Forest career but the best of him will not be seen until he has settled into the club's system and come to terms with the First Division.

The rest prove that when it comes to spotting talent, Brian Clough is one of the best managers in the business.

Keep on waving the cheque-book Cloughie!

bad buys

Kenny Burns (left).

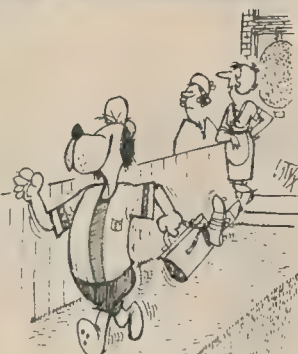


John McGovern (above), one of Clough's most reliable signings but Peter Ward (left) has struggled.

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



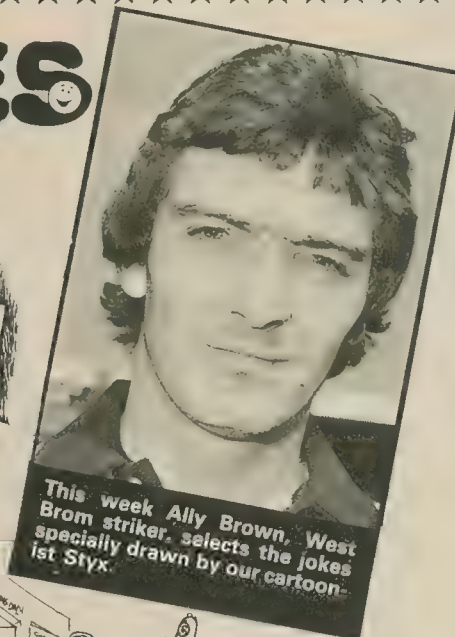
"At least the weather will get better soon."



"It all started when he chased a football in the park . . ."

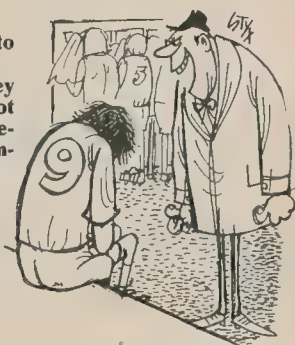


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"I've written to Littlewoods suggesting they start a 'Spot the Centre-Forward' competition!"



"There's guts for you — even after that bruising game they do a lap of honour."



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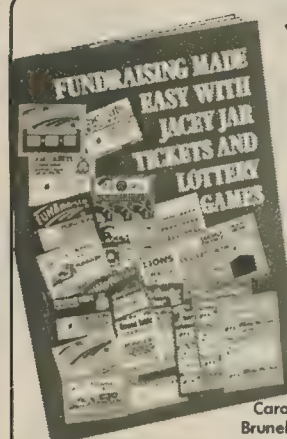
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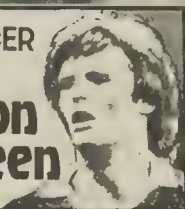
Personal Callers Welcome



Kevin Moran battles through the Old Trafford mud against Ipswich.

'KEEP ON GRASS'

MY SOCCER
WORLD
**Gordon
McQueen**



I HATE playing on artificial turf! I think it is a terrible idea and hope few clubs follow Q.P.R. and have it laid.

Plastic grass, for that's what it is, will make games artificial and unnatural. Matches will be similar to training sessions or five-a-sides in the gym. Bodily contact and tackling will virtually disappear, so will a great deal of excitement.

I've played on astro-turf in America and received several bad burns after tackling. Even the Americans aren't completely in favour of artificial surfaces.

Contrary to popular belief, half the clubs in the NASL still play on grass, including Tampa Bay Rowdies and Fort Lauderdale.

Apart from the burns, plastic pitches are a nightmare for goalkeepers. If it is introduced on a wide scale over here our 'keepers will have to get padded up to prevent injury.

United's Gary Bailey has also experienced astro-turf and agrees with me that it is bad for players. He says it's like diving on a carpet at home.

The majority of players I've spoken to recently are also against it. The only lads likely to get some benefit from playing on it are forwards, because they won't be tackled that often.

I was very surprised when Q.P.R. agreed to go ahead and install Omniturf at Loftus Road during the summer.

But I can see the endless advantages this type of surface will give clubs. They'll need fewer ground-staff for a start, because it requires little maintenance.

No games will be postponed because of bad weather. Clubs will be able to use their pitch seven days a week if necessary to stage all sorts of other events.

Imagine Bjorn Borg against John McEnroe in a tennis tournament at Loftus Road. The stadium would be packed to capacity, something never attained by the football team. I doubt if you'll see artificial grass at Old Trafford, even though our pitch is notoriously bad. It's dreadful and definitely affects the team.

We can't run with the ball or judge where it's going.

New Surface

Fortunately, it's being ripped up shortly and new drainage and soil is being laid. The new surface should be okay for next season which, as you probably know, kicks-off a couple of weeks later than normal. August 29th is the date.

One pitch I'd love to be playing on next week is at Hampden Park where Scotland take on Israel in a vital World Cup-tie.

Our games with Portugal and Northern Ireland at Hampden were disappointing, as was the tie in Israel. But at least we won out there.

Although I must take Scotland to win, Israel certainly won't make it easy for us. From what I saw of the game in Tel Aviv, they are a strong, well organised side.

As I told you recently, the Scottish fans expect so much from their team at Hampden it can put pressure on them. Their eagerness to please often results in silly mis-

takes which opponents punish.

I don't expect to be called up by Jock Stein. I suppose he'll stick more or less to the squad he chose for Northern Ireland.

Even so, I wish the boys good luck and hope to join them again for the British Championship.

This Saturday (April 25th) United could well send another club to the Second Division.

We beat Crystal Palace at Old Trafford a few weeks ago to seal their fate. Now we face Norwich City, a team on the brink of relegation. A point, or two, dropped against United could push them over the edge.



Norwich's Joe Royle.

It will be a tough afternoon for me whatever the result, because I'll be up against Justin Fashanu and Joe Royle.

Despite all his verbals on the pitch, I rate Joe highly. He's got so much skill for a big feller yet he's one of the game's most underrated players.

Joe and I have had some rare old tussles in the past and have the highest respect for each other.

Thanks to Joe's influence and unselfish running, Justin has scored quite a few goals this season.

That's quite an achievement in a struggling side, but from what I've seen, Justin has a long way to go before he can be rated in the £1 million plus class.

Mind you, if Norwich do go down I expect to be playing against him in the First Division next season. Norwich are certain to let Justin go if they're relegated and use the cash to rebuild.

United have a great record against The Canaries. We took four points off them last season, and drew 2-2 at Carrow Road in December.

I can't forecast anything but a United win his weekend.

See you again in two week's time

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TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

TERRY HIBBITT

Answer the following questions regarding the Newcastle United midfielder player's career.

1. Terry began his League career with Ipswich Town, Leicester City or Leeds United?
2. He is now in his second spell with the St James' Park club. Which side sold him back to Newcastle?
3. Was Hibbitt a member of Newcastle's 1976 League Cup Final side that lost 2-1 to Manchester City at Wembley?
4. Is he a full international for any country?
5. What is the Christian name of Terry's brother who plays for Wolves?



DEFENDERS

1. Tottenham's Chris Hughton (below) has a brother playing in the Football League. What is his Christian name and for which club does he play?



2. Nottingham Forest and Scotland defender Kenny Burns began his League career with Birmingham City, Bolton Wanderers or Burnley?

3. Which one of these players — David Moore (Grimsby Town), Mark Smith (Sheffield Wednesday) or Robbie James (Swansea City) — is not a recognised defender?

4. Derek Parkin has been playing regularly for which First Division club this season?

5. Is Manchester United's Jimmy Nicholl a full Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland or Scotland international?

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TRACE-A TEAM

The names of 12 past or present Cambridge United players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. How many can you find?



Ipswich's George Burley (left) is featured in question Two.

TRUE or FALSE?

1. Olympiakos were the 1980 League Champions in Greece.
2. Ipswich Town full-back George Burley made his full debut for Northern Ireland against Wales in May, 1979.
3. Queen of the South are in the Scottish Second Division.
4. Alan Dicks (right) is manager of Second Division Oxford United.
5. Lincoln City play their home Fourth Division games at Sincil Bank and are nicknamed The Blue Imps.



JUMBLED MANAGERS

Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the names of some of Britain's managers and their clubs.

1. XLEAGNEORFSU (NBDAEEER)
2. BBBYOBOONRS (SHICPW)
3. VDEATMISH (ESUDNTHO)
4. LIYLBcMNLIEL (LCCTEI)
5. HNJOYLLA (SWTEMHA)
6. INBRAGHLUCO
7. TRPEEMKCCARO
8. NROUSSRADNE (SNAOTLLAVI)
9. ONJHEGGIR (GSRAENR)
10. FFEGOTRHSU (EEAHSCL)

ANSWERS:

DEFENDERS: 1. Orient's Henry, 2. Birmingham, 3. James, 4. Wolves, 5. Northern Ireland, 6. Billy McNeill (Celtic), 7. Peter Corrie (Nottingham Forest), 8. Ron Souness (Aston Villa), 9. John Greig (Rangers), 10. Geoff Hurst (Chelsea).
TERRY HIBBITT: 1. Leeds United, 2. Birmingham, 3. No. 4, No. 5, Kenny.
TRACE-A-TEAM: 4. Webster, Key, Stringer, Smith, Donaldson, Springs, Buckley, Graham, Howard, Gibbins, Finney, Garner.

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

DOWN:—(1) Brechin, (2) Bob Evans, (3) Neil McNab, (4) Tony Evans, (5) Newcastle (Blackburn — the other), (6) Bicep, (7) Steve Sims, (8) Bicep, (9) Steve Sims, (10) Old.
ACROSS:—(1) Tab, (2) Bonds, (3) Phil, (4) Bonds, (5) Ian, (6) Phil, (7) Bonds, (8) Bonds, (9) Bonds, (10) Bonds, (11) Bonds, (12) Bonds, (13) Bonds, (14) Bonds, (15) Bonds, (16) Bonds, (17) Bonds, (18) Bonds, (19) Bonds, (20) Bonds, (21) Bonds, (22) Shred.

If you've got the impression that I want out of English football because I'm disillusioned about it, you'll have to think again.

I won't go into great detail about my reasons for deciding that the time is right to start a fresh career, but it's not because I've got the down on our game.

The last thing I would ever do is knock English football. I've had a living out of it for the last 14 years and still regard the First Division as the best in the world.

I just feel that the time has come for me to realise that a change is as good as a rest and I've let my feelings be known to Brian Clough

ably best understand how I feel because he was involved at the top with Liverpool and took a break for a couple of years in Germany.

He would be the first to admit that the demands were not as great out there. He didn't play as many matches a season for Hamburg as he would have done for Liverpool.

The number of injuries that Kevin has picked up since coming back to Southampton is further evidence of the different demands players at home and abroad face.

And finally, I would like to kill the popular theory that my decision to seek a move from Forest has to do with any problems concerning my

'WHY I WANT TO LEAVE FOREST...

and Peter Taylor.

I've been in the game a long time and I doubt whether people realise just how long. I look upon the likes of Emlyn Hughes, Dave Watson and Kevin Keegan as fellow senior professionals in the country... but I was playing regular First Division football long before any of them.

It's a long time since I stepped into the Leicester side in place of Gordon Banks and I've had enormous experience, great achievements and some disappointments, too.

Over those years I've rarely missed matches and the demands have been such that there has been little chance of a rest.

I think Kevin Keegan will prob-

personal life.

It's been made out in the Press that my decision has got to do with the bad publicity I received six months ago.

But as far as my wife and I are concerned that is something we overcame together. It wasn't easy but we succeeded and it's to the back of our minds now.

I would also like to stress that the possibility of going abroad is something that has not come along as a sudden impulse.

I've been chewing over ideas now for some time and my plans for the future have been very carefully thought out.

What the next move will be I don't know but, it goes without saying, I have still got a job to do at Forest until the time comes to leave.



KEEP UP WITH SHILTON

STILL say Chris Woods made a mistake in leaving Nottingham Forest, but you cannot help but admire his sense of ambition.

He came to the City Ground recently and really looked the part in a Norwich City side battling for all they are worth to stay in the First Division.

And although that in itself possibly justifies his decision to move to Carrow Road on loan rather than sign for high-riding Ipswich — I wonder if he wouldn't have been better off working alongside me.

I know exactly what frustration he suffered at Forest, and once he had proved certain things to himself in that remarkable year we beat Liverpool in a replayed League Cup Final, he was adamant he wanted regular first team football.

Chris Woods made his name with his performance in the 1978 League Cup Final.

When I was his age I felt the same way. I was with Leicester City at the time and with Gordon Banks performing miracles in their goal, what chance had I got of furthering my career?

I was ambitious and although I was learning something every day

working with Gordon, it didn't stop me going to see the manager, Matt Gillies to talk over my future.

He convinced me it was in my best interests to stay at Filbert Street and be patient. And in the end, Gordon was the one who moved on and I got my chance.



It gave me the opportunity to remain in my home environment and I'm sure that helped my career. That was one of the aspects which bothered me about Chris going to Queens Park Rangers.

I wasn't sure how a move to London would affect him, but although it didn't work out at least he has proved a point to himself.

He looked confident and assured in that recent game at the City Ground and although it was impossible to assess his progress in 90 minutes, I fancy he could now press ahead and go right to the top.

Peter Shilton



yet Woods should have stayed'

ABETTER CELTIC

McLeod praises the new Champions

POWERFUL Celtic midfield man Murdo McLeod may have missed four months of the season — but his scoring touch remained unharmed by the lay off!

For when the barrel-chested McLeod burst back on to the first team scene after being out since October he brought goals with him.

Twice he came on from the substitutes' bench to blast in goals against East Stirling and Partick Thistle.

Then, in his first full 90 minutes for the Parkhead club, he smashed in a spectacular goal against Airdrie at Broomfield.

All of which helped to underline the fact that McLeod was back on song — and that Celtic were going to benefit from his return on the run-in to the end of the season.

Strangely, the nagging injury to his thigh which kept him out for so long was his first serious lay off since he turned senior with Dumbarton.

He did have a cartilage operation while with the Boghead club, but Murdo explains: "That flared up during the close season and I was able to have the operation and scarcely miss a match.

'Bad Tempered'

"So this time was the first I have had to suffer a long lay off. It wasn't easy, I'll tell you. I was a bad patient. I felt bad tempered and marked about everything.

"I suppose it was especially bad because two or three times I got close to full fitness and then the injury went again.

"Maybe I tried too hard for fitness, maybe I thought I could be back more quickly by pushing myself.

"It didn't turn out that way. Instead I was forced back into the treatment room and then to a seat in the stand. And I'm not too good a spectator either. . . ."

McLeod was an important player for Celtic when manager Billy McNeill bought him from Dumbarton for £100,000, and his powering style helped Celtic to a Premier Division title win in his first season.

Naturally, McLeod remembers that first season fondly — but the 22-year-old midfielder believes that the current team is a better one than the title-winning side of 1979.

He says simply and sincerely: "I wouldn't let anyone say anything against the other team that won the title, because we fought and we battled so hard when things

were against us that year.

"But this team is a better one in a footballing sense. Anything we achieved in that first season I was at Celtic Park came because of our determination to succeed.

"Honestly, it was hard graft and a lot of spirit which took us to that title.

"This time we still have the spirit, but I do think we have been playing better football. And, remember, I've been watching the lads for a lot of the time. . . .

"The team has changed around a little bit. There are younger players in as well as experienced men who have been bought — as Frank

Young Charlie Nicholas (below) has helped to maintain Celtic's quest for major honours.



McGarvey was.

"But there's Frank getting us goals regularly and young Charlie Nicholas too. Then George McCluskey has been on the bench but been able to score when he has been brought on.

"I think we all want to have another crack at Europe. We didn't do as well as we should have done this season, and the year before we were unlucky against Real Madrid in the European Cup Quarter-Finals.

"There's something about Europe which is special. Particularly the European Cup. That's the one every player wants to take part in."

Until this season, McLeod had missed only two games in the two years he had been at Celtic Park. But while he was out, the team kept up their challenge for the title, pushing their way to the top as he was edging towards his comeback, and stayed in the Scottish Cup.

He says: "It's just marvellous that the lads were able to keep going like that and I was able to get back for the climax to the season.

"It's the worst thing in the world being out, but I was lucky that I had Bobby Lennox, now the reserve team coach, and Jim Lumsden, the youth coach, to help.

"These two worked hard with me, and I think it was because of that work that I was able to get back into the League side and get goals, too. Wee Bobby has been fantastic.

"Honestly, he stopped playing earlier this season to take over the reserves and is still as fit as he ever was. He does all the training that the youngsters do and one day recently when one of the reserves missed training Bobby went out and did another punishing stint with him when he arrived at the park.

"It was ridiculous. He had just finished one session — and hard work it was too — then there he was off to do another work out. No wonder we're all fit, with that kind of example!"

SUNDERLAND were so sure that Ian Bowyer was the man to steady their First Division fledglings that they made a £275,000 bid for him early in the year.

It was promptly accepted. And Bowyer immediately began his job of taking Sunderland's youngsters under his wing.

He says: "Naturally, with my experience, the club have been looking to me to keep the other lads right on the pitch. Some people seem to talk about experience as though it's a dirty word but it's no use having a lot of promising youngsters and no experience.

"I like to think I can provide that for Sunderland, and I don't regard it as an extra responsibility.

"I've always been the kind of player who's had a few things to say on the pitch, so talking to the young lads here hasn't been a problem."

Unfortunately, Ian tore his ligaments recently and will have to take a back seat as Sunderland complete their season.

But Sunderland's youngsters



Ian Bowyer in his new role as Sunderland's midfield guide (above) and in action for Forest in the 1979 European Cup Final against Malmö.

Chatterbox Bowyer

certainly showed an improvement after Bowyer's arrival, and he says: "They've all impressed me in different ways. If they can live up to their potential, the future could be very bright."

Bowyer won almost everything in a successful stay at Nottingham Forest. But his departure came out of the blue.

"I was sitting at home on a Sunday night after we'd got back from a trip when Brian Clough phoned. He said Sunderland had made what he considered a fair bid and he was prepared to accept it. He made it clear, though, that it would be entirely my decision whether I went.

"I didn't take long to make up my mind, because I figured that changes were imminent at Forest at that time.

'Change'

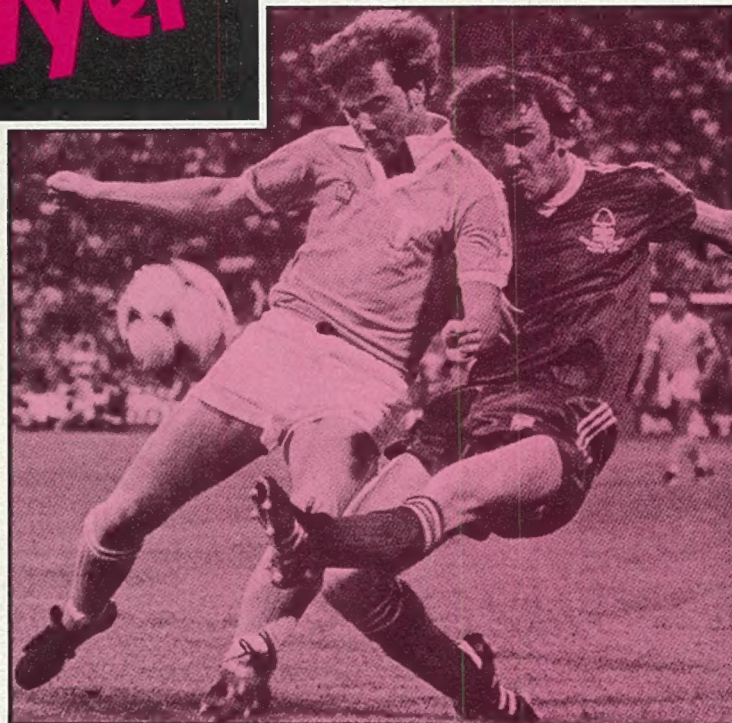
"Cloughie has brought in some young lads since I left and they've done very well. So he must reckon that the change is working."

Despite all the success that Clough has taken to Forest, he hasn't been able to pack in the fans.

In the North East, though, the crowds turn up no matter how bad the results — and Bowyer has already noticed the difference.

"Sunderland have a tremendous following. It's a hotbed of football up here. Much more so than Nottingham was, or ever will be for that matter."

Forest were in the doldrums when Bowyer first joined them, but he doesn't see a similarity between their position and that of



Sunderland.

"Although Forest were on their way up at that time, they had a lot of experienced players. People who knew their job and appreciated what was expected of them.

"At Roker Park, we've got players who still have to learn their trade. That's why we need to consolidate for 12 months or so and then hope that we can pick up.

"From what I've seen of the players and the set up so far, I feel we've got a chance of doing something. It's a challenge I'm looking forward to."

Despite his experience, Bowyer has had to allow himself a little

time to adjust in his new surroundings.

"It's always difficult when you change clubs, because your whole routine is thrown out.

"It's not just the different playing style. Your eating habits change when you find yourself living in an hotel for a while, and travelling up and down motorways while you are arranging to move house doesn't help.

"For a while, your whole routine is thrown out — and to an athlete, it's important to have a settled lifestyle. That's why you often find players doing a lot better at their new club once they've moved house."

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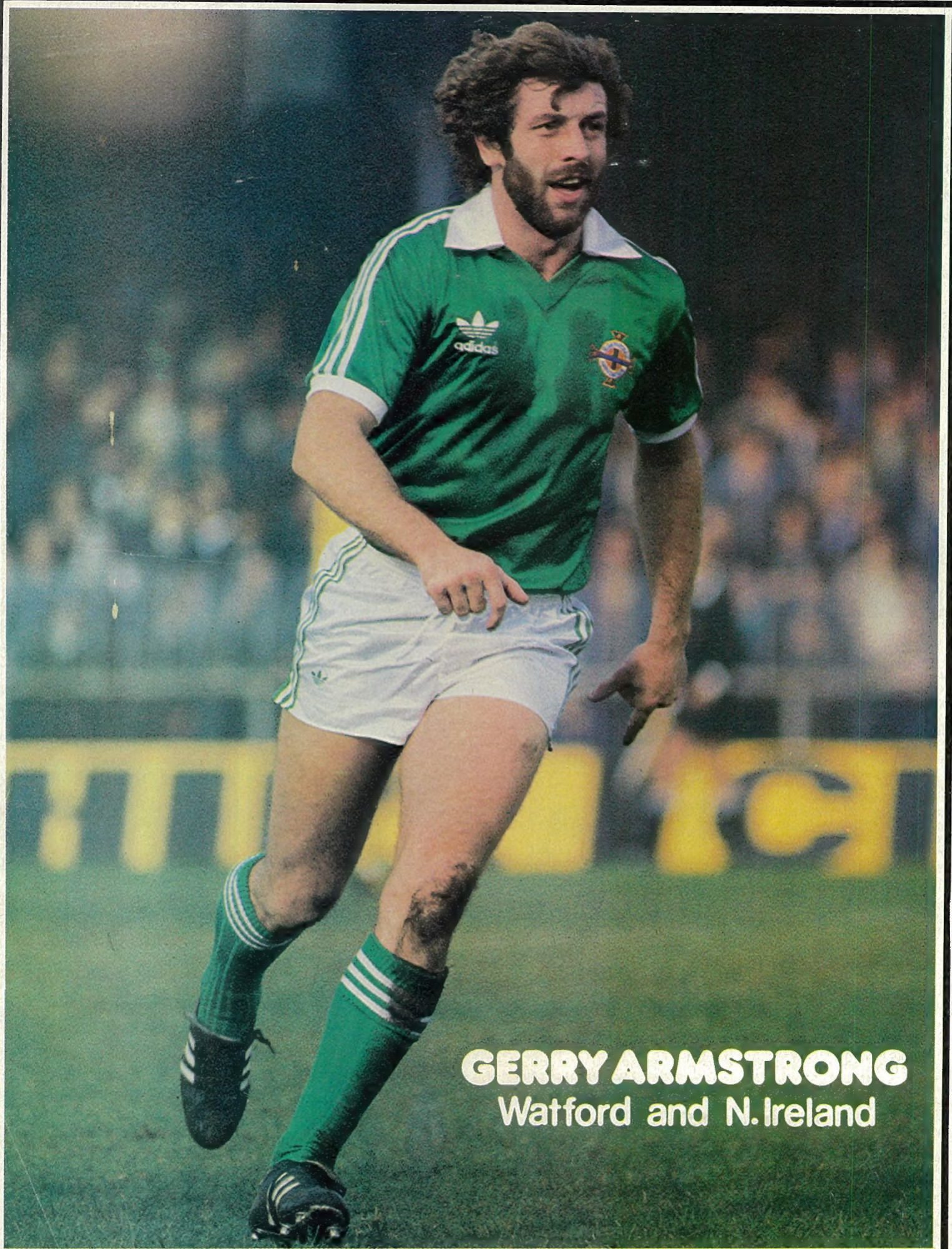
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